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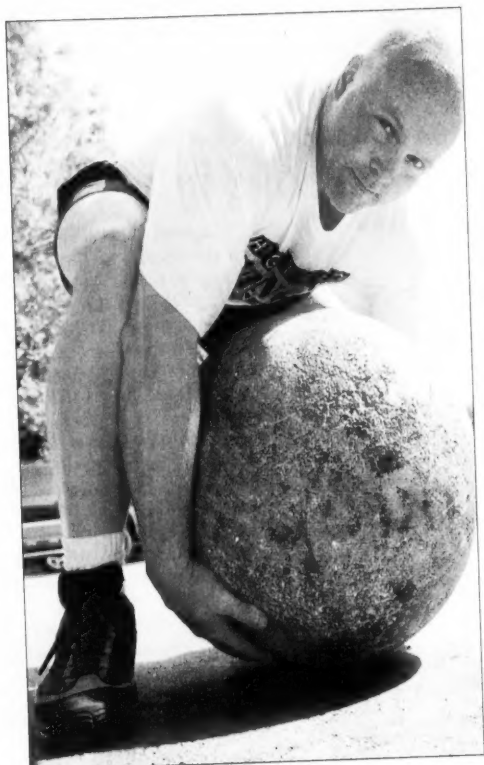


PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Whole world in his hands – Lifting so-called Atlas stones is a staple of the strongman competition. Andover's Art McDermott will compete in the national strongman competition beginning today, Thursday.

Herculean task

Andover man battles cars, more in bid for national strongman title

By Rebecca Piro

Most people know when to quit when it comes to working out. But not strength trainer Art McDermott, who rubs chalk on his forearms, takes a deep breath, and lifts a 20-foot iron pole weighing 800 pounds – and runs with it.

"You go as fast as you can until you start to black out a little bit," he says.

Strange though it may sound, that's the kind of

oomph it takes to qualify for the National Strongman Competition. McDermott, a Wildwood Road resident, is one of 22 people across the country who will compete for the national title starting today, Thursday. McDermott's competition will be in St. Louis, Mo.

And McDermott – a solid six-foot-tall man weighing 270 – is one of the small guys.

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School-delay costs tallied

Will cost at least \$75,000 to move classrooms to new school

By Rebecca Piro

If the new schools don't open by Sept. 5, the town will have to spend at least \$75,000 moving the students and teachers from their temporary classrooms into their permanent ones.

That figure, according to Bernie Tuttle, business manager for the schools, is how much extra

salary money the town will have to dole out to teachers at the new schools for working an extra three days.

Three days is how long Tuttle estimates it will take for teachers and students to pack up where they are temporarily housed; move the books and equipment to the new buildings in west

Andover; and unpack.

"The three days would have to be made up," says Tuttle, meaning financially and time-wise.

Dispersing students by grade throughout the existing schools is one option that members of the School Committee, School Building Committee, and school and town administrators are consider-

ing. The School Building Committee agreed Tuesday night to recommend against using the Franciscan Center to house the High Plain Elementary students until the building is ready. School officials recently suggested adapting the vacant building, located on River Road, to house the stu-

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FLYING WITH TED WILLIAMS



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

John Harris, who had Ted Williams as a check pilot, remembers flying with Williams as the baseball slugger prepared fighter pilots for World War II. See page 6.

Drug patrol Detective shoots at allegedly attacking truck

By Rebecca Piro

A police officer fired his gun Saturday at a couple who allegedly tried to back over him twice with a pick-up truck.

Detectives Mike Lane and Dave Carriere were patrolling the Grill 93 parking around 10 a.m. that morning – a well-known place for drug deals, says Lt. Jim Hashem. Dressed in plain clothes and driving an unmarked vehicle, the officers noticed a couple who appeared to be using narcotics, sitting in a red pick-up truck, say police. The officers got out of the car, approached the truck and identified themselves as policemen. Both men are part of the department's substance control unit.

"The driver of the vehicle put the car in gear and attempted to back over Det. Lane," says Hashem. Lane allegedly got clipped, though not seriously.

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Hundreds wait for hug from saint

By Judy Wakefield

Dressed in her best native purple sari and smiling peacefully, Anita Rao-Ballakur of Andover waited patiently in a long line to get close to the Indian saint known worldwide for her inspirational hugs.

The saint's name is Ammachi (which means beloved mother). Admirers wait hours to get and give her hugs as she is considered a Mother Theresa-like fig-

ure, dedicated to removing human suffering.

Admirers from across New England were plentiful when Ammachi's summer US tour brought her to the Ramada Rolling Green in Andover on Monday. Several hundred barefoot people dressed in white clothes, attended the day-long event. It started at 10 a.m. with a meditation service followed by "darshan," which is the

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PHOTO BY JUDY WAKEFIELD

Resident Anita Rao-Ballakur met Ammachi on Monday.

School Committee squabbles

New member spars with chairwoman, superintendent

By Ben Hellman

Personalities are clashing at the School Committee meetings and behind the scenes. Committee chairwoman Tina Girdwood was angry with fellow member Christopher Smith this week for launching an unofficial School Committee Web site without official approval. The item was to be discussed at Monday's meeting, but it was tabled because the meeting had run late. It had also been discussed on June 18, but no action was taken to approve the

site. Smith then launched the Web page unofficially with the hope of getting the School Committee to approve the site. Girdwood was angry that he hadn't waited for the committee to approve it before launching, and addressed the matter after a motion to table it for the night had been made.

"I would think we'd have more respect for each other," said Girdwood. Smith indicated that he had asked members for input on the page, but Girdwood hadn't responded to him.

"You have not been forthcoming," said Smith. Girdwood said she hadn't had the time to give her input. Smith complained that the evening's meeting had run so late that the item couldn't be discussed publicly.

"If our meetings were run more efficiently we wouldn't be here until 11:30," said Smith. The committee meeting was scheduled to end at 10 p.m. and ended shortly after 11:30 p.m. The meetings frequently continue after 11:30

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Next month: Wrap comes off safety center

Police side ready in August, old station to be torn down; fire side ready in 2003



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Lt. James Hashem checks on some of the new equipment at the new safety center.

By Rebecca Piro

There's one sure sign that the new public safety center is coming along. Police officers touring the new building no longer need to trade in their soft blue caps for hard plastic ones.

"It's not a hard-hat site anymore," says a cheerful Lt. Jim Hashem as he walks through the building's front door. "That means we're getting closer."

It's been a long, slow trip, but construction on the first half of the public safety center is coming to a close. Almost two years since the contractor broke ground – and several months later than scheduled – the police department is scheduled to begin operating out of the new build-

ing during the first or second week of August.

An exact date for the official switchover will not be announced for security reasons, says Hashem. The biggest factor that drives the move is the communications lines – whether the phones are up and running and the 911 system works.

"The bulk of the (moving) can happen the week before, or the week after," he says. "The critical stuff for us is the communications. The day that is up and running is the day we'll be operating out of there."

When the police are completely out of the old building and into the new one, the entire existing building will be torn

down – a day that Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski says he has been looking forward to for a long time. Stapczynski calls

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SUNDAY
NASCAR

What it means in the sports, business worlds

in The Eagle-Tribune

Franciscan center no longer considered

■ OPENING SCHOOLS

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dents temporarily. After listening to reports from Kaija Gilmore, the town's building inspector, the School Building Committee agreed that there are too many problems to make the option a viable one.

"My own personal feeling is that the Franciscan Center would take a tremendous effort, which would take away from the energy (available) to get the new schools ready," says Mark Johnson, committee chairman.

According to a written list from Joe Piantadosi, Plant and Facilities director, the Franciscan Center would need to be hooked up to a sewer system. The building also lacks handicap bathrooms and accessibility, the fire alarm system is not up to standard, asbestos is present, and the public process to obtain a lease would take at least five weeks, among other things.

"This is a long list, and it's probably only half the list once

we open that can," says Bernie Morrissey, School Building Committee member.

Ultimately, the School Committee and Town Manager Buzz Staczynski will decide which contingency plan to follow if the new schools do not open in time for the first day of school, Sept. 4. The options currently on the table include partial occupancy—placing some students in the middle school, which officials expect to be finished first, and housing the elementary students elsewhere—or distributing students from both schools by grade throughout existing schools. Other options include the "stay-put" method, which calls for forfeiting the redistricting plan for this year and keeping students at their current schools until the 2003-2004 school year when the buildings are 100-percent complete. Superintendent Claudia Bach and Tuttle were unavailable Wednesday morning. The \$75,000 is only the beginning of

the costs if officials decide to open both the middle and elementary schools late. Transportation costs could be even more daunting, because the town would have to hire, temporarily, more buses to drive the students from the Cross Street neighborhoods to schools all over town. Tuttle does not yet have an estimated cost, because he doesn't even know where he will find the extra buses to hire.

The two companies the town normally contracts do not have additional buses. "The big unknown is the transportation. The vehicles we would need aren't there at this point in time," he says. Hiring extra buses for a finite period of time will undoubtedly cost the town lots of money, he adds. "I'd like to own a transportation company if we're going with this model," says Tuttle. "They'll have us over a barrel."

One option to solve the bus crunch would be to start elementary students 45 minutes to one

hour later than the rest of the town. Buses would then have time to return to pick those students up and drive them to their locations.

Physically moving the books and equipment from one school to another might not cost the town anything, Tuttle says. He thinks the town can get away with using its own Public Works vehicles and manpower. The School Building Committee, however, has asked him to investigate how much it might cost to hire a mover.

If forced to open the schools late, the town will pass the moving charges and the extra teacher salaries to general contractor John T. Callahan, says Johnson.

The School Committee is scheduled to decide on the contingency plan by Aug. 16—the date the town hopes to receive a certificate of occupancy for the schools. The next School Building Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 7 at 6 p.m.



Barbara L'Italien has a lot of family support on the campaign trail from husband, Kevin Hall, and children, Rudy, 12 (not pictured); Samantha, 8; Andrew, 4, and Allie, 10.

State House politics

New seat has interest

By Judy Wakefield

Greater Andover's increasing population has resulted in a new state representative seat.

It's the newly formed 18th Essex District seat representing three precincts in Andover and parts of five other nearby communities.

A political newcomer from Andover has announced her candidacy for the seat.

Democrat Barbara L'Italien, a former elder-care worker who is active with numerous youth groups in Andover, turned in 308 signatures—twice the 150 required—to get her name on the September primary ballot.

She is facing democratic challenger Kevin Shea of Georgetown. The two will face off in the Sept. 18 primary. The winner will face Republican Kathleen Sachs and Independent Alfred DePietro, both of Georgetown. Sachs and DePietro are running unopposed.

"New leadership and innovation" is the campaign slogan for L'Italien, an Andover native who graduated from Andover High School in 1978 and Merrimack College in 1984.

"We need new leadership out there," L'Italien said. "I've been an activist for parents, kids, schools and elders and I am motivated by that."

She may be best known for her recent support of the failed Proposition 2 ½ override campaign. She was co-chairman of the SOS (Support Our Students) group. However, she said she wants voters to know "there is much more (to me) than the override."

She emphasized her commitment to elders, as she worked as an elder-care worker before she gave birth to her four children.

"I worked side-by-side with senior citizens to provide them the skills and resources to live independently and to protect them against elder abuse," she said, noting that her widowed mother, Claire L'Italien, lives with her.

Her involvement with local youth groups is lengthy. She is an Andover Society member, very active with the Bancroft School parents group, the townwide parents school group and is a board member of the Andover Youth Foundation.

"I have the real-life experience, the energy and new ideas," she said.

Her campaign officially kicks off next Thursday, July 25 when she hosts a reception at China Blossom Restaurant in North Andover. Her campaign headquarters is located in a strip mall on Route 125 in North Andover, a central spot for the new 18th district.

The new district includes six towns and contains precincts 1, 7, and 8 in Andover and parts of North Andover, Boxford, Georgetown, Methuen and Haverhill.



Barbara L'Italien will face Kevin Shea in a race to represent part of Andover. Shea was in town the day of the override elections.

Smith dismisses student contingency plan

■ DISAGREEMENT

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p.m., though they are usually scheduled to end at 9 or 9:15 p.m. Girdwood said it was important to hear from the teachers, administrators and parents who attend the meetings.

"We've had to table 50 percent of our agenda," countered Smith.

Agenda items usually occur at least a half hour late and opportunity for citizen input has happened after 10 p.m. on occasion, forcing parents to sit for two and a half hours before

speaking.

Smith first made a motion for the site to be approved at the committee's June 18 meeting. He said he received positive feedback from fellow members and the technology coordinator Ray Tode. In a press release announcing the site, Smith stated that the School Committee had become inaccessible to the public and that meeting times and agendas



Christopher Smith: Calls holding classes in gyms "absurd."

were difficult to obtain before the meetings. Smith said the current school district site was "terribly out of date and was very political."

Smith sent out four other press releases this week. In one release he



Claudia Bach: Committee members "are one-fifth of an opinion."

announced that students should stay in their current schools until the new schools' construction was completed. He called Superintendent Claudia Bach's plan of having multiple classes held concurrently in gymnasiums "absurd" and "ludicrous." He also stated that parents and teachers were against the plan. "The superintendent's plan is not in the best interest of our students," his release stated.

The other releases regarded the Web site, the buying of textbooks, and the expansion of all-day kindergarten and the laptop computer programs.

The School Committee voted Tuesday to spend \$208,194 on new textbooks. "These new books will be used across the district and benefit all of our students. Thanks to the generous 10-percent increase in our school budget this year,

we have no power on the street corner," she said.

Smith was elected to the School Committee after running as an anti-override candidate. It is one difference of opinion he has had with fellow members and the school administration. Since he was elected he has spoken publicly and to the press

against the override and against other common views of other members of the School Committee.

The Web site <andover-schools.org> bears the Andover town seal, the state law stating the School Committee's purpose and powers, upcoming meeting agendas and links that can be used to send e-mails to each committee member.

The first legal powers of the School Committee stated on the unofficial site are to select and terminate the superintendent.

"The superintendent's plan (to hold classes in gymnasiums if the new schools aren't open) is not in the best interest of our students."

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Ammachi in Andover

■ SAINT VISITS

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hug-blessing session. Many used their waiting time to meditate. They sat on the floor and in chairs with their eyes closed as soft music played in the background.

Organizers said Ammachi, who is also called Amma, typically gives "darshan" until about 3 p.m. At 7:30 p.m. she returned to the hotel's main ballroom to lead a stirring 90-minute set of devotional music.

"In India, hundreds of thousands of people flock to see her. I know of people who have waited 26 hours to hug her," explained Rao-Ballakur as she waited in the darshan line with an assigned number. "She is so full of love and sees people unconditionally. There is no race, no culture, no religion with Amma. She is beautiful."

Hindu by birth, Ammachi was born in 1953 in a poor fishing village in the state of Kerala in southern India. She left school at 9 years old to work for her family. She established herself as a mystic in the village and soon attracted crowds with her presence. She came to realize a simple hug was an expression of love so many yearned for, but rarely received.

Now 48, she has toured the

world for the past 15 years spreading her message of love. She is currently on tour of 11 American cities. Ammachi does not claim to heal sick people or make miracles. However, some people have claimed that their lives changed after receiving her simple hug.

Wearing a plain white sari, she sat on a chair at the front of the Ramada ballroom and simply smiled and hugged whomever approached. Couples with children, handicapped people, and others of all ages did just that, returning to their seats and seemingly feeling grateful for the experience.

Ammachi speaks limited English. Organizers said she travels with an entourage of 35 people who help translate questions from her admirers.

"I met her two years ago and I was thrilled when I heard she was coming to Andover again," said Rao-Ballakur, who lives on Orchard Street. "She is a divine soul who has enlightened so many people ... she is so filled with love." There was no fee for the event, but Ammachi accepts donations for a trust. That money has paid for soup kitchens and shelters in the US and India. In addition, her charities give medical care to thousands of people in India.

IN BRIEF

Volunteers sought for Shawsheen cleanup

By Evan Greer

Come Saturday, July 20, Shawsheen River Watershed Association Vice President Jack Brady will be waist deep in water. Wearing his "oldest, dirtiest pair of tennis shoes," he will be feeling along the bottom of the Shawsheen River for old tires.

Brady is just one of the many volunteers that it will take to make the SWRA's tire removal river cleanup day a success, he says. Volunteers should plan to meet in the parking area at Den Rock Park, off Route 114 in North Andover. The cleanup will last from around 9 a.m. until noon.

"Experts estimate that there are more than 1,000 tires in the lower third of the river," says Brady, who has been doing river cleanups for the past 10 years. The tires, he says, are particularly harmful because they sink to the bottom of the river, filling up with silt and mud, creating sandbars, and diverting the river from its natural flow. "We want to reestablish the river's natural channel," Brady says.

Some volunteers will work up-river into Andover; others will work toward North Andover and Lawrence. Volunteers should dress according to what they are willing to do, says Brady. Those who are willing to get right into the river and pry up submerged tires should wear appropriate clothes. Those who would rather help from dry land should wear long sleeved shirts and trousers, rubber boots and gloves. Even those volunteers who remain on the shore will get wet, says Brady.

"The tires we're pulling out have been there for at least 10 years," says Brady, quite enough time to disturb the water's natural course. Reestablishing the river's natural flow would allow fish to swim up from the ocean and repopulate the watershed's depleted supply, he says. The SWRA has planned more river cleanups for Aug. 17 and Sept. 21. For more information, visit <www.shawsheen.org>.

Evan Greer is a summer intern.

Tax bill sent

The town of Andover has mailed the real-estate tax bill for the first quarter of fiscal year 2003.

Roads closed by No. Reading resurfacing

Several main roads in North Reading will be closed for two hours tomorrow morning, Friday, July 19 because they are being resurfaced. North Reading's Department of Public Works said these areas will be closed starting at 7 a.m. tomorrow: Haverhill Street, from the Andover town line to North Street; North Street, from Route 28 to Haverhill Street; Marblehead Street, from Middleton town line to Haverhill Street.

In case of rain, the DPW will do the work on Monday morning, July 22. For more information, call the DPW at 978-644-6060.

Pomps Pond

Two rescues for Andover lifeguards

By Jesse Greenspan

Lifeguards at Pomps Pond spend most days conducting swimming lessons and watching waders move slowly through the still waters. Last season, no serious rescues were required.

This year, however, lifeguards have already had to make two separate rescues at Pomps, one of Andover's most popular swimming holes.

One of those came July 4 in the late afternoon, which was one of the busiest days of the year for the lifeguard staff.

Brandon Antonakos, 17, was reportedly sitting at the end of the dock in a chair when he heard cries from the other side of the swimming area. According to Antonakos, whose friends call him Visor, he saw a man in his 20s splashing around and drowning while a woman next to him called for help.

As Antonakos prepared for the rescue, a fellow lifeguard blew a whistle, signifying that every swimmer needed to immediately leave the water. On July 4, this meant clearing an exceptionally large number of people from the swimming area.

"I jumped in, grabbed my tube, swam to him and put the tube under his arms," Antonakos said. "You want to keep (the tube) between him and me, and I put my arms under his and moved into shallow water where he could stand. I assume he couldn't swim."

In his three years lifeguarding at Pomps, it was the first rescue Antonakos had made.

Earlier in the year, another



Lifeguards Brandon Antonakos and Vicki Britton have rescued troubled swimmers from the Pomps Pond waters this summer.

serious situation developed when fellow lifeguard Vicki Britton was forced to rescue a pair of girls at the outskirts of the swimming area.

Head lifeguard Jenn Flemming, who was also on the scene at the time, described the situation. "There were two little girls near the far raft, and one of them became a distressed swimmer," she said. "They began pulling each other under and that's when

Vicki jumped in."

According to Flemming, one girl grabbed onto Britton's tube and was pulled into shallow water while the other girl was able to recover on her own.

Despite these moments, the majority of the summer has remained free of such excitement for Antonakos, Britton and the rest of the Pomps Pond staff.

Jesse Greenspan is a Townsman intern.

Quote, unquote . . .

I DON'T THINK A BURGLAR would care how much (weight I can lift). But they're welcome to try to steal something from the garage."

— Art McDermott, competitor in this week's National Strongman Competition, who stores the 420-pound stones and other items he lifts in his garage. (Story, page 1)

I WISH I WAS BACK IN HIGH SCHOOL AGAIN.

Elementary art teacher Tricia (Mudolo) Salzano reflecting on times she had when a student at Andover High School. (Story, page 12)

News Calendar

Thursday, July 18

Preservation Commission, Site Visit, 167 Highland Road, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, July 22

School Committee, School Administration Building, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 23

Planning Board, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 24

Friends of Andover Music Education, Memorial Hall Library, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

Government Review Committee, Town offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 25

Disabilities Commission, Memorial Hall Library, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, July 30

Vision 21 Committee, Memorial Hall Library, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 1

Zoning Board of Appeals, deliberation meeting, Memorial Hall Library, 2nd floor, 7 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 5

Board of Health, Town Offices, second floor, 6-9 p.m.

Housing Partnership Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7 p.m.

Selectmen, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Cultural Council, Memorial Hall Library, 7:30 p.m.

PAST AND PRESENT



Elm Square in 1909



PHOTO AT LEFT COURTESY OF THE ANDOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY. AT RIGHT, BY TIM JEAN

Elm Square, the almost-five-way intersection in front of Memorial Hall Library that brings together Elm, Central and Main streets, has changed several times during the years. In the photo at right is Elm Square as it appeared in 1909, well before the current Elm Green Veterans Memorial was built. In the photo at right is Elm Square as it appears today.

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Under investigation

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The truck immediately changed gears, moved forward, and then came at Lane in reverse again, according to police.

Lane fired once at the vehicle, but did not hit either occupant. Police, who say the incident is still under investigation, will not say whether the bullet hit the vehicle.

Lane did just as he was trained to do in such a situation, says Hashem.

"Officers are trained to stop the threat, whatever that may be," he says.

It's the first time an officer has discharged his weapon at a suspect in two or three years, says Hashem. The last time occurred during a pursuit where Lt. William Mackenzie fired at an escaping vehicle.

On Saturday, the red pick-up truck drove off towards River Road, where it merged onto Interstate 93 South. The officers followed in a "slow-speed" pursuit, driving about 55 mph through the break-down lane, Hashem says. The occupants of the truck were seen to be throwing what appeared to be pills out the window, he says.

Both were taken into custody on I-93 moments later. Both

appeared to be under the influence of drugs, says Hashem.

The driver, Douglas Racca, 39, of 8 Gillette Drive, Londonderry, N.H., was arrested. He was charged with assault with intent to murder, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (his truck), driving to endanger, failing to stop for a police officer, possessing a

"They had a number of pill bottles with them. The majority of the drugs were disposed of on the highway."

LT. JAMES HASHEM

Class A substance, possessing a Class E substance and conspiring to violate the controlled substance laws.

His passenger, Tina Mariano, 33, of 25 Bradford Road, North Chelmsford, was arrested and charged with possessing a Class A substance and conspiring to violate the controlled substance laws.

"They had a number of pill bottles with them - oxycontin and prozac. The majority of the drugs were disposed of on the highway," says Hashem.

Officers, with the assistance of the state police and canine dog, searched the highway for evidence of drugs, but didn't find any.

"The incident is still under investigation, and there are a lot of questions I don't have the answer to right now," says Hashem.

Police getting ready for new digs

SAFETY CENTER

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himself the spokesperson for the project, and has had to explain to the public the reasons for the multiple delays in the \$13 million project. Joe Piantedosi, director of Plant and Facilities who also has authority over the project, is on vacation and is unavailable to comment.

Mello Construction, general contractor for the project, broke ground in October 2000 and promised a finished center by September 2002. The project has since slipped steadily behind schedule. Carlos Mello, company president, has blamed the town for being slow to sign the contract, as well as the harsh winter of 2000 for the delay. The town says Mello has not had enough workers on site, only recently bringing the manpower up from 20 to 35 workers on site. Selectmen are now hoping to see the project wrap up by August 2003, as are public safety employees, who have had to work amidst construction for almost two years.

"Our entrance has been changed from day to day. We've moved where we park our cruisers six or seven times. We have some of our equipment spread throughout town. We've dealt with it from day to day," says Hashem.

The delays are costly as well. In April, Town Meeting approved \$830,000 to pay extended salaries of the project's architect and the town's project manager, and for storage space for the fire department during the transition and other project needs. The town also extended a temporary easement into Friend-



Residents will soon be entering the new center, which comes with more advanced jails for prisoners.

ly's parking lot, though Staczynski says the town is not paying anything for the easement.

The project will force the fire department to change its emergency-response routes, as firefighters, EMTs, their equipment, trucks and ambulances will be dispersed throughout town. Five firefighters will be stationed at a renovated garage at Spring Grove Cemetery. The fire deputy will work out of Ballardvale Station. Extra equipment will be housed at a rented trailer next to West Fire Station. The changes will delay fire and ambulance response to the center of town by about a minute and a half, Fire Chief Chuck Murnane has said. The fire chief and his secretary will be housed in the police section of the new building temporarily.

The town has met with its lawyer to consider its options for charging Mello for the delays.

says Staczynski.

"Without revealing exactly what has been said in executive session, we've met with counsel about our options," he says.

Demolition of the existing building should begin shortly after the police and fire departments make their move, he adds. Mello's construction schedule calls for one year to build the fire department half of the building.

Settling in

Police may spend some time wandering aimlessly through their new building once they move in - because it's so much bigger than the station in which they currently work.

"The lobby's a little bit bigger than it is now," says Hashem, whose voice echoes off the unfinished concrete floor and stone walls. He should know. His current office is located directly off the lobby at the exist-

ing station, where he can pretty much hear everyone that comes in and out. And in case that office isn't already small enough, it's currently filled with boxes marked in red ink for moving.

The *Townsmen* toured a portion of the second floor of the building, the floor where the public will enter the station. A quick look around at the unfinished floor reveals a lighter, brighter, bigger atmosphere, even in its incomplete state.

The dispatch area is at least double the size of the existing one. The new one will have extra stations, as well as a break room with kitchen accessories and a bathroom. The dispatch supervisor will have her own room. All the computers, phones, cameras and equipment is brand new.

"This is the way it's supposed to be," says Hashem. "It's not extravagant. Anyone who is doing over their police station is doing it this way."

There are areas of the existing station that do not comply to code. "We're out of compliance with everything," says Hashem. The jail cells meet regulation, unlike the existing cells which still had bars - a danger to suicidal prisoners - and had to be adapted with a layer of glass. Each cell is better monitored with a strategically placed camera - eliminating the blind spots that could be a problem in the existing cells, says Hashem - and there are almost twice as many cells in the new building. Currently, officers are sometimes forced to "double-up" prisoners in cells.

"Everything here is necessary," he says.

POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, July 10 - At 11:10 p.m., Peter Kousounadis, 29, of 11 Oak St., Tyngsborough, was arrested and charged with possessing a Class D substance with the intent to distribute it, and having a controlled substance near a school or playground.

Thursday, July 11 - At 9:59 a.m., Joshua Schermerhorn, 19, of 701 Summer St., Weymouth, was arrested and charged on a warrant for petition for commitment.

Saturday, July 13 - At 10 a.m., Douglas Racca, 39, of 8 Gillette Drive, Londonderry, N.H., was arrested and charged with assault with intent to murder, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (a truck), driving to endanger, failing to stop for police, possessing a Class A substance, possessing a Class E substance and conspiring to violate the controlled substance laws (see story, page 1).

At 10:10 a.m., Tina Mariano,

33, of 25 Bradford Road, North Chelmsford, was arrested and charged with possessing a Class A substance and conspiring to violate the controlled substance laws.

At 1 p.m., John Stanley, 48, of 10 Washington Park Drive, Apt. 11, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, July 10 - At 1:32 a.m., a Fumari Farm Road resident reported that someone had knocked on the house's window and then left.

At 4:49 p.m., a School Street female reported being verbally abused by her neighbor.

At 4:53 p.m., the animal control officer responded to a Prospect Road address to help a dog that had its head stuck in a rocking chair.

At 4:55 p.m., a Partridge Hill Road caller reported that a person was walking a pit bull without a leash. The animal control

officer gave a verbal warning to the dog's owner.

At 9:39 p.m., police spoke with a Florence Street female who complained that she had hurt her back after someone threw her to the ground. An officer determined that the female had been hurt as a result of "horseplay," according to the log, and no assault had taken place. The female was transported to the hospital by ambulance.

At 2:39 p.m., an officer assisted an ambulance that responded to the address of a suicidal male.

At 6:55 p.m., an employee at Athlete's Corner reported that some kids in a gray van had thrown water balloons out of the vehicle.

Friday, July 12 - At 1:09 p.m., a Farrwood Drive resident reported that someone claiming to be a police officer had left an annoying message on her answering machine.

At 2:15 p.m., an ambulance responded to Lovejoy Road where a male had fallen off his

bike. He was transported to the hospital.

At 2:21 p.m., an ambulance took a male to the hospital after a large sack fell on top of him at a Ballardvale address.

At 6:27 p.m., a caller reported that someone was on Haggetts Pond in a motorized boat, which is a bylaw violation.

Saturday, July 13 - At 12:22 a.m., a resident reported finding a male in her son's bed and told him he isn't wanted in her house. The male left but the woman wanted to speak with an officer.

At 10:19 a.m., a caller reported an unattended death of a person on Amherst Road. The death was not suspicious, says Lt. Thomas Siopes.

Sunday, July 14 - At 12:20 a.m., a Princeton Avenue resident reported that a teenage boy was looking in the window while her daughter was taking a shower.

At 9:07 a.m., a Holt Road resident reported that the contractor who is doing work on his home was threatening him.

At 10:57 a.m., a Bullfinch Drive resident reported an unwanted guest. The person left before an officer arrived, and the officer advised the resident to get a restraining order against the other person.

At 7:54 p.m., a Jenkins Road caller reported that someone had shot a bb gun against her new horse trailer.

At 8:53 p.m., a female reported having a domestic problem with her stepfather.

Monday, July 15 - At 2 p.m., a Clark Road resident reported harassing phone calls.

At 2:05 p.m., an officer responded to the Tage Inn after receiving a report that a male had put his cigarette out on his girlfriend's face. Upon arrival, the officer determined that the cigarette incident had taken place in Plaistow, N.H., and that the couple was currently arguing about car keys in Andover.

At 6:07 p.m., a male reported that he had lost his cell phone between Andover and Boston about a week or two ago.

At 6:56 p.m., an officer brought an abandoned backpack left on Reservation Road back to the station for safekeeping.

At 8:33 p.m., an Argyle Street resident reported that she had returned home to find a male standing on her porch who ran away as she approached. A responding officer found the boy and his companion, who said they were pretending to be actors making a film.

At 10:01 p.m., a Bailey Road resident reported that someone had tampered with his gas grill the night before. A responding officer determined that an animal

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Firefighters contract

Progress as talks continue

By Rebecca Piro

Ten hours of talking did not bring the firefighters and the town to a compromise agreement after the parties' first meeting with a mediator last Friday. An end to the contract dispute, however, seems to be closer than some firefighters had projected.

Selectmen Chairman Ray Hender announced Monday night that the dispute now lies in the hands of the arbiter, a representative from the Joint Labor Management Committee in Boston, who mediated negotiations at a meeting last Friday.

Because they were unable to resolve their differences, both parties must wait for the arbiter to decide for them.

Jim Cuticchia, vice-president of the 77-member firefighters union, said the arbiter had ordered the parties not to talk

about the discussions publicly. He said a decision could be reached "soon," but would not say whether that means in the next week or two.

When a decision is announced, the agreement will be binding on both parties immediately, said Hender.

The union's contract ran out July 2001. The union has been negotiating with the town for a new three-year contract since February of 2001.

Firefighters have been stacking selectmen's meetings for the past several weeks in protest. They say that Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski agreed tentatively to a contract in April, and that he has since reneged on that agreement. Stapczynski says he never agreed to the contract, and that both he and the firefighters' representatives know he must

have selectmen's approval before he can agree to anything. Neither parties have made public the sticking points of the contract.

In May, some firefighters speculated that mediation would add six to eight months onto the contract negotiations. Recently, town officials stated that mediation was the only remaining option, as both parties were at a standstill. Last Friday morning, the firefighters picketed outside of Town Offices with signs and fliers.

"We don't know who's behind us," said firefighter Eric Teichert, brother of Selectmen Ted Teichert, at Town Offices Friday. "Obviously they're not behind us," he added, gesturing to the government building.

Townsmen intern Evan Greer contributed to this story.



Firefighters picketed in front of Town Offices last Friday with signs bearing messages such as "no contract, no trust" and "keep Andover safe."

POLICE LOG

INCIDENTS

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had gnawed on the grill.

Tuesday, July 16 - At 6:52 a.m., a caller from Essex Street reported that a member of a flock of Canadian geese had been struck and killed by a car.

At 12:14 p.m., a caller from a business on Minuteman Road reported that there had been a suspicious man in the parking lot that morning.

At 1:06 p.m., a female from Old River Road reported receiving a threat over her cell phone.

At 2:10 p.m., a Shawshen Road resident reported that someone from the skate park had thrown a razor blade at a person walking by.

At 3:08 p.m., a caller reported that a student was assaulting other students on a bus traveling down Lowell Street. A responding officer met the bus and saw that the suspect student was sitting in his seat.

At 4:33 p.m., officers responded to a business on Shattuck Road where janitors were inside protesting, screaming loudly, according to the log. An officer moved them out of the building.

At 8:04 p.m., an officer was to file on some syringes and empty prescriptions she found at the Memorial Circle playground.

At 9:39 p.m., a Ridge Street female reported that her daughter and a friend were followed home from the downtown area by a red Pontiac.

BREAKS

At 11:58 p.m., Officer Peter Reming was responding to an attempted break-in at Concrete

Wave on Andover Street. While he was responding another alarm sounded, this time at Optech on Lupine Road. The officer saw the suspect lurking around the Optech building with his car trunk open, but the suspect escaped into his vehicle - which was stolen out of Medford - and drove away towards Lawrence with his headlights turned off, refusing to stop for police. Andover officers gave up the chase when the vehicle crossed into Lawrence and the suspect has not been found. The suspect did not successfully enter either building, says Lt. Tom Siopes, though Concrete Wave has pry-marks from a crow bar on its door. Police have yet to file a report on the incident.

THEFTS

Friday, July 12 - At 9:14 a.m., a Ballardvale Road resident reported the theft of some packages.

At 9:24 a.m., an Atwood Lane resident reported that a mailbox was stolen.

At 9:29 a.m., an employee at the Mobil Station on North Main Street reported that someone had driven away without paying for gas.

Saturday, July 13 - At 11:17 a.m., an Andover woman reported that her diamond allegedly had been stolen by the owner of Ripa Jewelry. That branch of the company had closed when the woman went back for her ring, says Lt. Jim Hashem, and she is in contact with another branch to get the ring back.

At 11:28 a.m., a female reported a bike stolen from Main Street.

Monday, July 15 - At 1:43

p.m., a Brookside Drive caller reported that money had been taken.

Tuesday, July 16 - At 9:01 a.m., a male reported a possible case of identity fraud.

At 11:35 a.m., a caller from Brickstone Square reported the theft of a laptop computer.

AUTO INCIDENTS (partial)

Wednesday, July 10 - At 9:43 a.m., a Vine Street resident reported that someone had stolen a laptop computer from her car.

At 10:10 a.m., a car parked on Greenwood Road slipped out of gear and rolled into a fire engine parked near by. Significant damage was not done to either vehicle and was estimated to cost less than \$1,000.

At 12:18 p.m., an officer issued a court summons to a driver for driving without a license, driving an uninspected vehicle, improperly displaying license plates and driving after his license was suspended.

At 4:47 p.m., a female reported that her wallet had been stolen from her car, which was parked at Market Basket.

Thursday, July 11 - At 2:09 a.m., an officer issued a court summons to a driver for driving without a license. The car was towed.

Friday, July 12 - At 2:46 p.m., an officer issued a court summons to a driver for driving with a suspended license.

Saturday, July 13 - At 2:06 p.m., an officer issued a court summons to a driver for driving without a license and without a valid inspection sticker. The car was towed.

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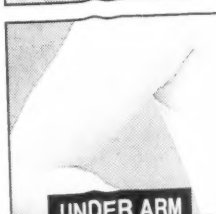
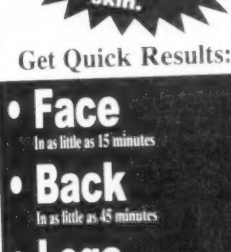
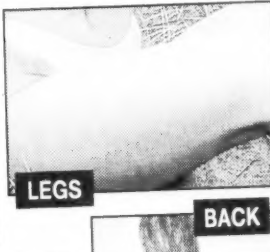
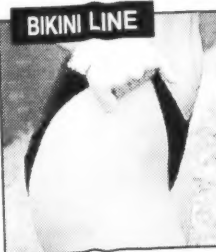
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Opinion

Town needs people who go their own way

PUBLIC DEBATE among fellow committee members has been in short supply in Andover for some time, as elected officials have focused on "consensus building."

But a healthy, hearty debate on issues – including spending and educational priorities – is both welcome and needed.

Superintendent Claudia Bach said recently: "A School Committee person has no vote until they are a member of five people. They are one-fifth of an opinion. They have no power on the street corner." But each committee member must have his or her own opinion, and should articulate it, both on the street corner, if they desire, and in formal meetings. This is how voters know what they believe in. This is how they take a stand – and Andover is in need of those willing to take a stand, even when, on some issues, they seem to stand alone. If people don't like what they have to say, they will be voted out of office.

Obviously, the goal of such opining should be to arrive at a positive solution to some problem, not simply to cause problems for the opposition. Public officials must also be able to set down their personal and political differences and work together civilly.

Some of the comments made recently by School Committee and administration members show a rift between new member Christopher Smith and other members. The truly committed official can set aside differences, debate the issues and keep the focus on education and the students of Andover.

Debate without bitter division should be the goal.

Web question

Is having all-day kindergarten worth \$3,500 per student?

Last week's *Townsmen* Web-site question was:

The Andover Sportsmen's Club has been in Andover for 68 years. They are open to the public on Wednesdays from 6 to 9 p.m. Will you take advantage of the opportunity to learn about guns and archery safely in Andover? (46 people responded)

• 13 people, or 28 percent, said "I can't wait to get into the woods and blow off some steam. It's an age old hobby and it's protected in the Constitution."

• 16 people, or 35 percent, said "Guns are cruel, unusual and primitive. Keep this out of my back yard!"

• 15 people, or 33 percent, said "That's not my thing. But others can do whatever they want at the club."

• 2 people, or 4 percent, said "Other."

This week's Web question:

All-day kindergarten is available to approximately 144 students across six elementary schools by lottery. At a cost to parents of \$3,500 per student, is this a worthwhile program?

• Yes, the program provides quality education at a reasonable cost.

• Yes, it's cheaper and easier than day care.

• No, this is a tough fiscal time for the town, the schools and parents.

• No. With all the trouble that a delayed opening could cause, this isn't the year for expansion. Stick with the half-day kindergarten only.

• Other.

To cast your vote, surf to <www.andovertownsmen.com>.

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FOUR ON THE FLOOR



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Assistant sailing instructor Mark Rodgers (at right) and lifeguard Brandon Antonakos push off from the dock at Pumps Pond in a new paddle boat now available for rent there.

Flyboy Ted Williams fans a BoSox fan



Neil Fater

Stunned by all the nonsense about Ted Williams' family? Tired of hearing that his son actually wants to deep-freeze Fenway's greatest resident? Wouldn't it be nice just to hear from someone who affectionately refers to Williams as "grand-daddy?"

Well, then, meet John C. Harris, of Washington Park, who flew with Williams while Harris was training to be a fighter pilot in 1944.

Harris says that at Bronson Naval Air Station in Texas, where he and Williams were stationed for a time, Williams was known as a granddaddy by many of those learning to fly.

"It was a term given to a check pilot who gave good marks. He was good to the cadets," says Harris, who was also stationed at several other bases during his 31 months of fighter-pilot training. Williams, a Marine pilot, tested Harris and three other Navy men on how well they could fly in formation, which is to say in sync, while flying close to one another. The best hitter who ever lived – and a man well known for being a perfectionist – flew his plane on each side of the four men viewing their work. Harris was on the right side of his quartet.

"All of a sudden, I look over to my right and I see a plane – and it's Ted Williams," says Harris.

"He wiped his brow, indicating it was a hot day, and I wiped mine indicating, yes, it was."

"Then he started to fan me with the wing of his plane," says Harris. "The breeze couldn't reach us, obviously. I believe it was his way of putting us at ease. He was lessening the nervousness

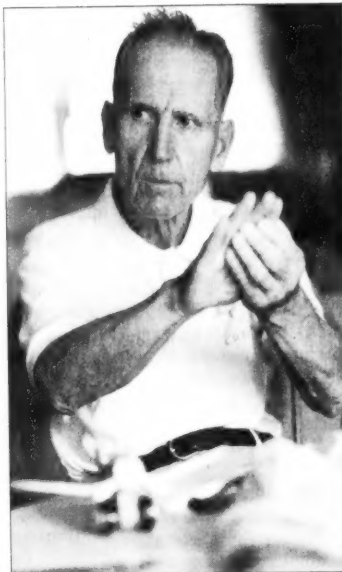


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John Harris, of Washington Park, explains how to fly an SNJ, a training plane for fighter pilots. He flew with Ted Williams while training for World War II.

that comes with a check ride." Harris seems to believe that Williams deserves the accolades he got as not only a baseball player, but as a gifted pilot. He says that after the Splendid Splinter waved his wing at Harris, Williams tried something else.



"He disappeared from my right. The next thing I knew he was right overhead, upside down. It was like he was flying in formation with us, flying upside down. I'd say any pilot who can do that is a good pilot."

Harris, who grew up in Massachusetts and enjoyed baseball, also remembers returning to his barracks from the hangar one day, and seeing Williams walk his way. They saluted each other and exchanged a few words.

"If only I'd had a baseball to sign. He was very good to everybody," says Harris.

Well, almost everybody. Williams wasn't so great to opposing pitchers. When a team from Corpus Christi came to play the baseball team at Bronson Naval Air Station, Williams had his way with them.

"They couldn't get a ball by him. If they threw it anywhere near the plate, he hit a home run. He hit three home runs that day. Then they just walked him," says Harris.

The brief interaction with Williams made enough of an impression with Harris that when Williams fell ill in 1997, Harris wrote him a letter, to which his personal assistant Mary Dluhy responded.

Like most people in Red Sox country, Harris would like to see cryonicsgate brought to a conclusion.

"It's too bad for Ted, because he's a national hero. It's too bad it happened to his family because it gets on all the national TV and in the papers. You kind of wish it hadn't happened," says Harris. "We all admired Ted for what he did in baseball. For this to come along, it hurts."

But the pain isn't anywhere near so blinding that it can ruin his mind's eye's view of the great No. 9 fanning the heat away from a Red Sox fan and fellow fighter pilot.

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THE THURSDAY FILE

One of the amusements of being old is that I have no illusions about my literary position. I no longer mind what people think.

W. SOMERSET MAUGHAM

Opportunities multiply as they are seized; they die when neglected. Life is a long line of opportunities.

JOHN WICKER

Without discipline, there's no life at all.

KATHARINE HEPBURN

About "The Thursday File"

Steve MacDowall started the file two years and sent it to 10 people. Today it is sent to more than 10,000.

The Web site is <www.hudsonvanloo.ca> and suggests books to read and Web sites worth visiting, along with quotations worth noting.

Quotations from the most recent Thursday File, sent by e-mail last week, are available at above and at right.

The best thing to give to your enemy is forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to your child, a good example; to a father, deference; to your mother, conduct that will make her proud of you; to yourself, respect; to all men, charity.

ARTHUR JAMES BALFOUR

Can you understand how cruelly I feel the lack of friends who will believe in me a bit?

D.H. LAWRENCE

If you ignore your uniqueness and try to be everything for everybody, you quickly undermine what makes you different.

JACK TROUT

Every way up has its way down.

YIDDISH PROVERB

If you are afraid for your future, you don't have a present.

JAMES PETERSEN

Best quotation sent in to the File:

In order to be an immaculate member of a flock of sheep, one must above all be a sheep oneself.

ALBERT EINSTEIN

I am at two with nature.

WOODY ALLEN

The JFK quotation:

We stand today on the edge of a new frontier... But the New Frontier of which I speak is not a set of promises - it is a set of challenges. It sums up not what I intend to offer the American people, but what I intend to ask of them.

On Ted Williams

No other player visible to my generation concentrated within himself so much of the sport's poignancy, so assiduously refined his natural skills, so constantly brought to the plate that intensity of competence that crowds the throat with joy.

JOHN UPDIKE

LETTERS

Speaking again on desire for fire-contract resolution

Editor, *Townsmen*:

At a recent selectmen's meeting, I spoke in support of the firefighters' union budget request in admittedly and intentionally personal terms. Certainly, the memory of our 1989 condominium fire will always remain vivid in my mind. Each night of the past 12 years when I kiss my daughter good night, and in the morning when I awaken beside my wife, it is with enduring and profound gratitude for the prompt professionalism of the Andover firefighters who saved their lives.

That said, there are elements of this unresolved contract process that are aside from the personal. As someone who has spent most of his professional life negotiating and mediating disputes between individuals and government bureaucracies (local, state federal and international), some of the lessons I've learned may be pertinent to this situation.

It has been my experience that the most cost-efficient and outcome-effective dispute resolutions occur early in the process, when opposing positions have yet to harden, prior to the rise of resentments, and before personalities begin masquerading as principles.

A common characteristic of such timely resolutions is the willingness of both sides to accept less than what they might want so long as their fundamental needs are respected and addressed.

The last, best chance for such an agreement may have occurred in April when, after meeting with the firefighters' union, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski appropriately brought a settlement proposal back to the selectmen because

they are the ultimate decision-making authority.

It appears that, for the selectmen, the potential deal-breaker within the union proposal was a line item that would have added approximately \$10,000 to this year's multi-million dollar town budget.

At that point, the selectmen had several options. A few, only a few, follow. They could have approved almost all of the contract, sending only the discrete, disputed line item to a comparatively quick and inexpensive arbitration. They could have proposed a comparable offset cost savings from another line item. In either event, it seems likely that an agreement could have been reached within days if not hours. The dispute would have been defined, the damage contained, everyone's frustration diminished.

Instead they exercised their undisputed authority, declared a stalemate and decided to send the entire contract to arbitration. While there appears no question of their unilateral right to make that inflexible decision, it follows that they own equivalent responsibility for the consequences that inevitably flow from that decision.

Absent the unexpected and immediate ascendance of public opinion demanding closure, we now face the unpleasant, embarrassing and expensive prospect of an arbitration that can last indefinitely, with scars of mutual mistrust that may disfigure relationships between the selectmen and the firefighters' union for years.

Selectmen Chairman Ray Hender was quoted in a recent *Townsmen*, speaking about arbitration, as saying that "the use of a third party is an acknowledged

mechanism (to settle negotiations)." He is correct, to a point. However, the existence of a mechanism does not require or recommend its time-consuming use when renewed negotiations, focused on the April deal-breaker, could resolve the conflict now.

In that same edition, the *Townsmen* editorialized that "those who believe their goals to be reasonable have little to fear from arbitration." Aside from the draining and demoralizing continued delay in fire department employees receiving pay raises which have already been justified by their job performance, that statement is also accurate. But a community that has already endured embarrassing and expensive delays in a high-school renovation project, in the completion of a public safety center, and in the current construction of new schools, does not need another public and protracted example of municipal inability to efficiently and effectively resolve problems.

Twelve years ago, Andover firefighters, calling on their training and dedication, prevented a destructive blaze from becoming a killing inferno. They didn't delay or delegate. They resolved the problem. It seems only fair to hold an experienced and insightful Board of Selectmen to the same standard of prompt professionalism today. Even at this late date, they know the ways, given the will, to extinguish a different kind of fire before more damage is done both to fire department employee morale and to this community's reputation for civic competence.

Brad Pearson
14 Lucerne Drive

On budget picture, things don't add up in Andover

Editor, *Townsmen*:

You would think that the town of Andover would get the message, after the recent tax override failed by close to a 2-to-1 margin, that it is time for a change in school-management practices. Instead we hear the same discredited message that Andover does not spend enough on its schools and that school programs will be affected. All of our town's residents are too smart to fall for these scare tactics.

The problem today in Andover is that things do not add up. We were told that 26 positions would be cut before the override vote, and then no cuts take place because people are reallocated. The costs of the two new schools keep climb-

ing. And the opening date for the two new schools is still up in the air.

Right now we need open disclosure about school and town spending and plans for the future, because no one involved in running our town's schools has any credibility left. Where is a real spending plan for our schools that justifies staffing levels, program requirements, salary increases, etc.? No such plan has ever been produced. All we get is sound bites and small pieces of the financial picture that do not add up in a meaningful way to justify further increases in school spending.

I, as a senior citizen, am not against necessary spending. However, I am strongly against

wasting our hard-earned tax dollars as the School Committee and others keep doing by failing to complete buildings on time, or by failing to propose prudent budgets in the midst of the current economic recession.

Many seniors like me have supported increased school spending for years and were once proud of how our schools were run. This is no longer the case. Andover school management is now the embarrassment of Merrimack Valley.

We would be well served to demand changes in school management itself and to open the books so we can ensure we get what we are paying for expect - superior education for our town's children.

Warren Kearn
394 High Plain Road

Mental illness needs attention, a will to care

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Last week we witnessed the deaths of two more children and their mentally ill mother. Their family recognized the crisis situation and tried, against all odds, to save their lives, but were unable to access treatment for their ill family member. The destiny of people with untreated brain disorders has become jail or the grave.

Fifty percent of people who have mental illnesses go untreated on the streets or in prisons. National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) families know and advocate for proper treatment of brain disorders.

Health insurance and medical care are often out of the reach of the most ill members of our society. Hospital closings, the lack of communication and

coordination between in-hospital physicians and doctors in community settings prevent continuity of care. Underpaid mental-health workers and under-staffed programs further damage the fragmented system.

The destiny of people with untreated brain disorders has become jail or the grave.

Human intelligence has provided the technical tools and machinery to see inside the human head. Scientific research can investigate brain connec-

tions. Our intelligence has made it possible to see and detect chemical imbalances in the brain and correct them, but, it is attitudinal change that is crucial to connecting people in a creative society. How do we fix the social imbalances?

We come late to studying the brain as a legitimate organ of the body that can get sick and can be treated. We are merely at the threshold of acknowledging that mental illnesses are brain disorders. Stigma has been a major barrier. Mental illness has always been at the bottom of the budgetary barrel. More than the lack of funds, it is lack of the will to care for people in need that is the major obstacle.

Jean DeRosa
President, NAMI-MASS
158 High Plain Road

Child-care costs are too much for low-income families

Editor, *Townsmen*:

On June 26, the Senate Finance Committee left millions of children in low-income working families without child care help when it approved the Work, Opportunity and Responsibility for Kids (WORK) Act of 2002. While this bill increases funding for child care over the next five years, it is actually far less than is needed to help welfare recipients who must work and to maintain current child-care services for low-income working families.

Hard-working families need child-care help. Welfare reform efforts must provide adequate child-care funds for families trying to leave welfare as well as those families desperately trying to stay independent of welfare. Millions of parents are in low-wage jobs, only one unstable child-care arrangement away from needing welfare themselves. To ignore the urgent child-care needs of poor working families for the next five years is inexplicable, especially

in light of the \$181 billion in new tax cuts that will go to the richest one percent of Americans during this same period of time.

Parents know, and studies repeatedly have shown, that good quality child care - care that provides a loving, safe, and stable environment - helps children enter school ready to learn and succeed. The positive impact of good care is even greater for low-income children. Yet parents often face great difficulty finding child care they can afford. Child care for just one child can easily cost anywhere from \$4,000 to \$10,000 per year - more than the average cost of tuition at a public university. For many families, the numbers simply do not add up, and they are forced to choose between rent, food, utilities, and child care. The Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) is the primary source of help for families who cannot afford quality child care, yet nationally, only one in seven eli-

gible children who need child care help are getting it.

The Bush Administration's position on child care is even more disconnected from what low-income working families need to remain self-sufficient and help their children get ready to succeed in school. They recommend no new funding for child care.

It's time for the President and Congress to get serious about making children a priority. They must significantly increase the funding for the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) to truly serve the well-being of children. Specifically, our senators must support an amendment to ensure an additional \$11.25 billion increase in the CCDBG when the welfare and child care bill is considered by the full Senate.

Sue Halloran
Director
Child Care Circuit
Northeast Merrimack Valley
190 Hampshire St.
Lawrence

NEWS: Dedication planned

21 Andover soldiers remembered in Armory Park's brick walkway

Several soldiers from Essex County, including 21 from Andover, are being honored Sunday in Salem, Mass.

It's part of the Armory Park dedication. Each of the county's 34 communities were asked to select about 20 people who served in the volunteer militia, the National Guard, and numerous wars, from 1629 to the present day. They will be remembered in a brick walkway.

Andover Historical Society selected 21 soldiers from Andover to be included.

Those selected

The Andover people selected were involved with several wars. Those selected are:

- Private Joseph Abbot, who fought in the Colonial Wars
- Private Henry Bodwell, Colonial Wars
- Private Ward Noyes, Colonial Wars
- Lydia Tyler
- Samuel Phillips Jr.

- Phebe Foxcroft Phillips
- Col. Samuel Johnson, Revolutionary War
- Sgt. Henry F. Chandler, Civil War
- John Dove
- Second Lt. Orrin L. Farnham, Civil War
- Maj. Horace Holt, Civil War
- First Lt. William Marland, Civil War
- Elizabeth Stuart Phelps
- Private Walter Raymond, Civil War
- John Smith
- Peter Smith
- Harriet Beecher Stowe, best known for writing *Uncle Tom's Cabin*
- Pvt. Charles Barney Gould, Spanish American War
- CDR George Levick Street, III, World War II

In addition, the Soldier's Aid Society of Andover will also be remembered in the walk way. "This is the second phase of the Armory Park dedication," explained Martha Carlton of the

Peabody Essex Museum in Salem.

The restoration of Armory Park is a museum project and a formal dedication was held in May.

The brick-walkway event is scheduled for this coming Sunday, July 21 at 2 p.m.

The park is located at the corner of Essex and New Liberty streets in Salem. The public is welcome to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony which will also include a rifle salute in memory of the soldiers.

For directions and more information about Armory Park, see the museum's Web site, <www.pem.org>.

— Judy Wakefield

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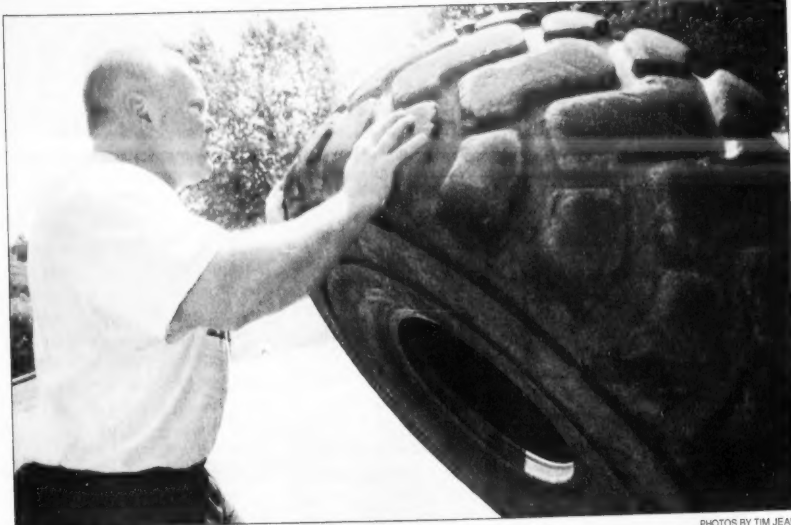
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Bigger is better - Flipping monster-truck tires can be a warm-up for strongman competitors.

Strongman: Muscles versus gravity

■ **HEAVY LIFTING**
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"There will be a handful of guys there like me," says the strength trainer. "The rest will be 6-foot-three (inches), and 300-plus pounds - generally NFL-lineman size. I probably was meant to be 180 and playing golf."

But size has never stopped McDermott. He started lifting weights back in high school when he threw the shot put for track and field. Today, at age 40, he's built an entire gym onto his house, complete with barbells, bench presses and free weights, where he works full-time as a private trainer. But when it comes to his own workouts, McDermott heads for the garage.

Inside sit a dozen cement "Atlas" stones, round weights tipping the scales at anywhere from 200 to 420 pounds. Chains with two-inch-thick links are draped across the floor, winding around stacks of weights, metal yokes and tractor-trailer tires.

"This is the heavy stuff," he says. "I started accumulating all the little toys, and it sort of grew from there."

The "little toys" are anything but, and training for a Strongman competition is no game. While it may be funny to watch a Strongman competitor lift a Harley Davidson motorcycle just for fun, serious injuries can - and often do - occur. McDermott has his second injured shoulder to prove it.

His injury, in fact, will force him to sit out of the first of the competition's four events, automatically putting him in the hole score-wise. But McDermott believes he still has a fighting

chance to make it to the final round - scheduled for Saturday - where the top 16 trainers will compete in a whole new range of unique and heavy events. The top five winners will go on to the world competition. But for now, McDermott's happy just to be traveling to Missouri for the Nationals, which was his goal this season. He's focusing on that, rather than the shoulder surgery he's facing as soon as he returns to Andover.

"Every time I compete I do a little more damage. But how much more can I do?" he reasons.

He's having fun, and so is the rest of his family. McDermott's wife has started strength training and can lift a 200-pound atlas stone. His two kids, ages 2 and 4, are already flipping regular-sized car tires and couch cushions. They'll be cheering for him at the national competition this week.

The first event consists of hoisting a bar - "essentially a truck axle" - with rubber wheels on each end, weighing a total of 300 pounds. The next event is called a dead lift, where each competitor grasps a rod with boxes of silver dollars on each end, and lifts it off the ground. Overseers of the event will pile on the coins until the competitors can't lift anymore. "I'm

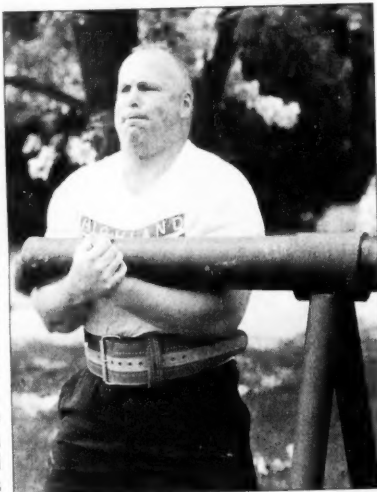
shooting for 700 pounds," says McDermott.

But that's only a warm-up. The third event, called a Hercules Hold, requires him to hang on to two Ford Explorers to keep them from rolling down a ramp on each side of him. "I have to hold them until the handles rip out of my hand," he says.

And for a final showdown, McDermott will lift five Atlas stones, weighing up to 385 pounds, onto five 56-inch-tall pedestals. Is this insane?

"Yeah, it is," he admits, laughing. "But I'm not crazy."

By that, McDermott means he hasn't adopted the "I'm not afraid of nobody" attitude. He says he would still call the cops if he heard burglars rummaging around his yard. "I don't think a burglar would care how much I spot," he says. "But they're welcome to try to steal something from the garage."



Art McDermott in action, spinning "Conan's wheel."

\$225 to push 'reset'?

Resident questions permit fees, other electrical costs

By Rebecca Piro

Resident Debra Randall never thought blowing a fuse could be so costly. But after paying \$225 for a man to drive to her Burnham Road home and push her circuit box's red reset button, she's changed her mind.

"That was a scam," she says.

Randall experienced a power outage throughout half her house on a weekend last month. "I looked at my fuse box, and I wasn't sure (what to do)," she says.

Rather than try something herself and make the problem worse, Randall says she opened the phone book and flipped to one of the biggest ads in the yellow pages - the one for ElectricMan. "It stood out to me on the Yellow Pages. (It says) within 24 hours we'll be there. It said we do everything, (including) minor repairs, and it had the Better Business Bureau on their logo, too."

She called ElectricMan that Monday, and the person on the other end of the line promised to send a worker to her home.

"The first day they didn't show up. They called and said the electrician had hurt his hand, and could he come the next day? By Wednesday at 5 o'clock, I had called them three times," she says.

Finally a man arrived at her door and announced as he entered that ElectricMan charges a fee of \$125 per hour - "whether it takes me five minutes or 10 minutes," Randall remembers him saying. The man also informed her that he had to charge her a \$100 permit fee.

"I said, 'It's \$225 for you to walk into the house?' and he said, 'Yeah,'" says Randall.

She walked the man to her fuse box, where he simply pushed the reset button to reinstate the electricity. Then he asked her for the check.

"It was like six minutes he was here," she says, outraged. "He said, 'I'm really sorry I have to do this.'"

"So I wrote him the check," she says. "It killed me." What Randall probably didn't do was read the back of the invoice, says Peter Manzelli, an employee of Express Electric Unlimited - which recently bought ElectricMan. Manzelli says that the company did nothing wrong, and the invoice spells out the reason behind all



Debra Randall wants to make sure other residents know how much they can be charged for a simple task.

the charges and the company's policies.

"Unfortunately for some people, it comes across as unfair, because it looks as though we've just pushed a button. A scam is a kind of 'take the money and run,'" he says.

The \$100 permit fee that the company charged is their standard fee across the state he says, adding that he believes it is not extreme compared to other electrical companies. While Randall says that Andover's electrical inspector, Dick Salenas, told her she didn't need a permit for the work that the company performed, Manzelli says the company's policy is to automatically apply for a permit - and charge the customer for it - just to be safe.

"Any job that we do, we just pull a permit," Manzelli says. "It has been our interpretation of the law that a permit is required for everything ... because you've tampered with someone's electrical system."

He says the company charges a flat rate of \$100 for permits, because the fees throughout the state average about \$65, and the company adds in \$35 for its own paperwork and handling. Salenas says that electrical permits in Andover can be as low as \$5 or \$10.

The state is investigating many complaints regarding ElectricMan, and its connection with Express Electric, says Rich Fredette, executive director to the board of state examiners of electricians. He says that ElectricMan's license was suspended some time ago and

that the company is currently on probation. The board of state examiners is currently awaiting an August hearing where ElectricMan employees will answer questions regarding those complaints. The board has also scheduled a hearing for Express Electric regarding its connection with ElectricMan. The state recently rejected Express Electric's license application, says Fredette, because of complaints that the company was filing permit applications before receiving a license.

"Those are all allegations and they haven't been proved yet," he says. "All we can say is that he (Manzelli) is not properly licensed."

Manzelli says ElectricMan is no longer operating, and that Express Electric does not need a license, as it is not a corporation. The advertisement in the Yellow Pages is simply left over from when the company was in operation a few months ago. Manzelli has not received any complaints in writing from the town of Andover - as is required by the state if there's a problem, he says.

"We are not out to pay \$10 for a permit and put \$90 in our pocket," says Manzelli. "The biggest problem we end up with is that people don't read their paperwork."

Until the hearings in August, Fredette says there isn't much else the state can do. His department recommends that residents who believe they've been victimized by a company take their complaints to a small-claims court.

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LENDER

Townspeople

TOWN TALK

Singing the blues

The Andover Senior Center has purchased blue tops with the words "Sunrise Singers" for the senior choral group that was picked to sing at the Lowell Spinners minor-league baseball game Wednesday, July 31. All of the approximately 20 singers expect to wear the blue shirts with white slacks to give a professional appearance.

An uphill battle

Pilots who fly at night must rely on their instrument panel. But what happens when those instruments aren't reliable?

John Harris, an Andover man who flew with Ted Williams in World War II (see page 6), knows the answer — you hold your breath.

Harris recounts practicing night take-offs and landings on the carrier *Ranger 4* in the Pacific. As his fighter plane headed toward the end of the deck for a take-off, he looked down at his instruments and saw that his air speed indicator indicated he was only going 50 mph, much too slow for a plane to take off. Expecting to plummet off the edge of the deck to a watery grave, Harris quickly looked at his other instruments — which showed he was climbing, that his nose was up as it should be and that everything was in order.

Harris didn't crash into the ocean; he climbed into the night sky.

What happened?

"That air speed indicator was stuck on 50. That was enough to take 10 years off your life," he says.

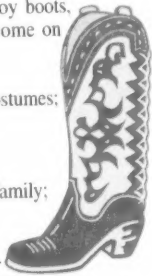
— Neil Fater

YMCA saddling up for its 7th Annual Dallas Night Celebration

The 7th Annual Dallas Night Bar-B-Que will be held on the grounds of the Andover/North Andover YMCA next Thursday, July 25. "Get out your cowboy boots, 10-gallon hats and western wear and come on down," organizers said.

This year's events include:

- Prizes for all cowboy and cowgirl costumes;
- Pony rides;
- Live western music;
- Square dancing;
- Games and activities for the whole family;
- Dunk tank;
- World's largest water-balloon toss;
- Grills fired up for chicken, hamburgers and hot dogs.



Pre-register for seating times: 5:45, 6:15, 6:45, or 7:15 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the member services desk for \$6 or \$8.50 on the night of the barbecue.

This event is open to the community, both YMCA members and non-members. Call 978-685-3541.

500-year-old scalps

Andover Indian burial ground launches author's tribal interests

By Judy Wakefield

HE CALLS HIMSELF a farm boy from West Andover whose passion for archeology started in a one-room schoolhouse.

"Mrs. Shattuck used to take us to the Indian burial ground and I was just fascinated by that," explained Raymond G. Potvin, who attended the former North Street School until it closed half a way through his sixth-grade year.

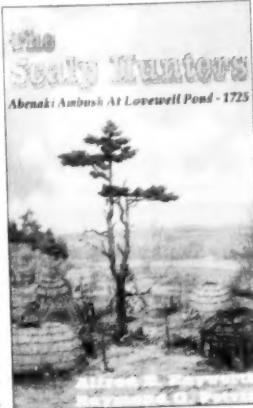
Mrs. Shattuck also brought students to her family farm where Ray and the rest of the kids had a ball looking for buried treasures.

That passion for hidden treasures has stuck with Potvin ever since, as he has enjoyed a life full of what he calls amateur archeological adventures. Potvin's quests have taken him worldwide, to the Tomb of Tut in Egypt, the Buried Army of China, and Yucatan villages in Mexico, to name just a few of his favorite sites.

Now retired from Massachusetts Electric, where he worked as a lineman, Potvin

had the time to organize a unique slice of Native American and colonial settler history for his new book, *The Scalp Hunters: Abenaki Ambush at Lovewell Pond — 1725*.

Potvin, a father of three grown children who lives on Kathleen Drive with his wife, Eleanor, never purposely set out to write a book. Rather, his book evolved from his research for a slide presentation on Anglo-Indian friendships.



The cover of Raymond Potvin's book depicts an Indian village along the Merrimack River at the former Shattuck Farm in West Andover some 500 years ago.

An active volunteer at the Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology at Phillips Academy and a member of several historical societies stretching from Nashua, N.H., to Andover, to Fryeburg, Maine, he spent almost five years

researching those friendships. It was the story of Lovewell's fight with Pigwacket Indians at Saco Pond in 1725 that captured Potvin's attention and is the focus of the book.

"It's just a fascinating story," said Potvin, who teamed up with Alfred E. Kayworth of Derry, N.H.,



Amateur archeologist Ray Potvin in his study on Kathleen Drive.

author of two other books about Native Americans.

Both authors are sympathetic to Native Americans. Their book's foreword states that they agree philosophically when they call them America's "original people."

Just as the title suggests, the book is about scalp-hunting those "original people." The trade was big money in the mid- to late 1700s, with the English paying up to 100 pounds for adult male Indian scalps. Abenaki Indians were being hunted to extinction at this time, according to the book.

"Early frontiersmen were barely making a living on the farms so 100 pounds was big money," said Potvin. "Private scalp-hunting expeditions

were financed by the sale of shares to investors... Brothers, cousins, friends, everyone got together as if to go on a turkey shoot."

The book centers around one of these expeditions that took place in the winter of 1724-25. A well-known bush-fighter named Lovewell went north from Dunstable with 80 volunteers on snowshoes. They planned to raid Pigwacket Valley where the towns of Conway, N.H. and Fryeburg, Maine are now located. However, they were diverted by Indian tracks and eventually destroyed a small Indian party, scalping the victims. Lovewell proudly paraded the scalps of his victims around the streets of

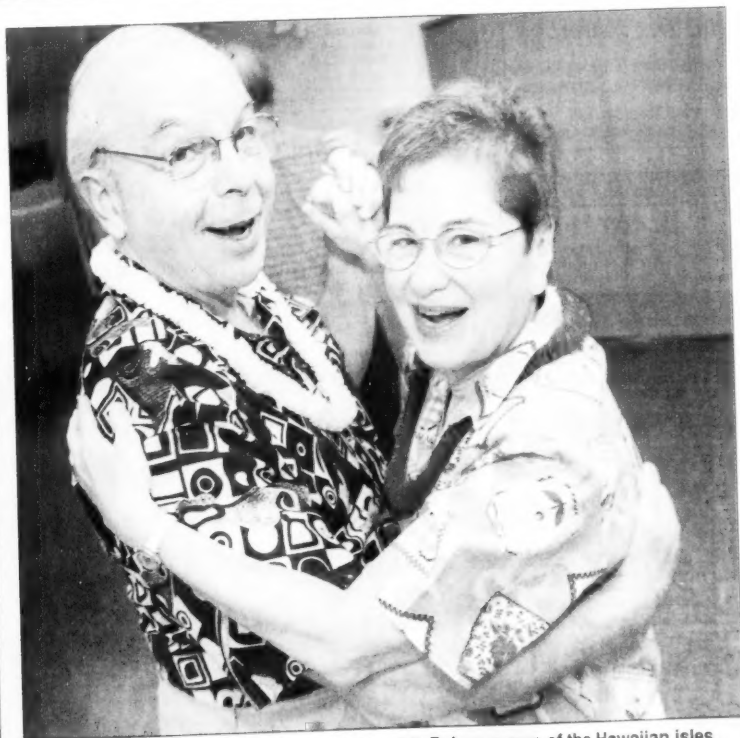
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Aloha!

◀◀ PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN ▶▶



Tropical tango — Edith and Bob Sanborn share a dance at the Senior Center luau on July 10.



Sheldon and Etta Chandler catch the Aloha spirit. Below, a map of the Hawaiian isles.



THERE WAS NO SURFING at this Hawaiian-themed party, but the pineapples, fresh fruits and colorful leis were plentiful.

Andover's Senior Center hosted a Hawaiian luau last Wednesday night.

About 60 seniors attended, said Bernadette Mackin, assistant program coordinator at the center.

Seniors are surveyed about party themes throughout the year, and Mackin said the Hawaiian theme is a hit among the senior set in town.

"They offer different ideas for parties and the luau was one of them," she said.

Hawaiian chicken was served along with red bliss potatoes, and julienne vegetables. The colorful affair was capped off with a pineapple pudding pie for dessert. The centerpiece pineapples went over as well as the food.

Music was provided by Rainbow's End, and while there was no hula dancing, couples enjoyed showing their favorite moves on the dance floor.

— Judy Wakefield

FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center.

Garden & Lunch Tour:

On Tuesday, Aug. 6 we will travel to Salisbury to enjoy the beautiful backyard garden of Carol Gura, which has been selected as a national tour garden. Lunch will follow at Strippers Restaurant, also in Salisbury, where our meal choices will be Chicken Essex or London Broil. Cost of the trip, including bus, is just \$28, and reservations may be made by stopping into the center. Rain date will be the following day.

Movie Matinee: On Monday, July 22 at 1 p.m. we'll show the video *Mr. Write*, starring Paul Reiser. At long last, Charlie (played by Reiser) has found his Ms. Right. The only catch - making her agree. High energy romantic comedy. Come in out of the heat and join us. All are welcome - no charge.

Lobster and Chicken Bake: Tickets are currently available for our lobster and chicken bake, which will be held Saturday, Aug. 17 at 6 p.m. Menu will consist of lobster and chicken with all the fixins, followed by great entertainment with the Gentlemen Songsters barbershop quartet. Get some friends together and plan to join us for an enjoyable evening out. Advance ticket purchase (\$15) only; no tickets at the door.

Newcomers' Coffee Hour: If you or a family member is recently retired, new to Andover, or have been wondering what the senior center has to offer, we invite you to join us at our next newcomers' coffee hour, which will be held Tuesday, Aug. 6 at 9:30 a.m. Stop by, meet the staff, and find out about the many opportunities that are available through the center.

Spirituality Series: Our popular summer spirituality series "Food For Body & Soul" will continue Wednesday, Aug. 14 at 4 p.m. Guest speaker will be Andover resident Jane Gossard, who will share her own journey, "Finding Your Spiritual Power: One Woman's Story." Gossard is an accomplished storyteller, having performed at Brother Blue's in Cambridge and at the Andover Bookstore, as well as at area festivals. The presentation will be followed by a light supper. Advance reservations (\$3) are necessary, so that we may plan our food needs.

Exercise Classes: Many of our summer exercise classes still have space, so it's not too late to join in. We offer classes in men's exercise, senior modified yoga, low-impact aerobics, strength training, water workout and tai chi. Stop by the center for more information.

Joyce M. Gallivan

Service is today

Joyce M. (Williams) Gallivan of Fullerton, Calif., died Wednesday, July 3.

Mrs. Gallivan was born and raised in Andover and attended Andover schools. She was a graduate of Boston University. She taught for 14 years with the US government schools in foreign countries. She taught for 20 years with the Norwalk La Mirada Schools as a kindergarten teacher.

Members of her family include her daughter, Shaun Kathleen Gallivan; grandson, Danny Gallivan; a sister, Wendy E. Murphy of Andover; a brother,

■ **RAYMOND G. POTVIN**

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Boston and had no problem recruiting more volunteers for his next scalp-hunting expedition.

"The book is not as gory as the title sounds," said Potvin. "What I attempted to do was to get into digging out the real human beings in this story."

The book does indeed detail the names and backgrounds of men who allegedly signed up for these expeditions and Potvin says his research shows there was one from Andover. According to Potvin, Jonathan Frye, son of Captain James and Lydia (Osgood) Frye, was born in Andover in 1705 and graduated from Harvard College in 1723. He served as chaplain of Lovewell's company.

Against his parent's wishes, he joined the company. He was in love with a young girl that his parents disapproved of. So, he joined the scalp hunters in hopes of getting enough money to host his own wedding. The 20-year-old Frye is credited with getting the first Indian scalp at Pigwacket with Lovewell's company and some documents suggest he even scalped on the Sabbath, according to the book.

Documents cited in the book show that Lovewell's fight launched poems and ballads in the early 1800s. The authors state that while songs and poems are not the best



PHOTO BY DAVID OXTON / ROBERT S. PEABODY MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY
This diorama of a Pawtucket village along the Merrimack River 500 years ago, based on the Shattuck Farm site in Andover, was created in 1939 and restored at the Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology at Phillips Academy in 1995.

source for historic fact, it is interesting to note that folks of the time were singing and writing about the event.

"I'm hoping people get into the book and

pick out ideas for even more research. The book is meant to give ideas," Potvin said.

The book is available at Andover Bookstore for \$17.95.

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er, Glenn P. Williams of Vancouver, Wash.; and three nieces.

A celebration of life service will be held today, Thursday, July 18 at 6 p.m. at South Church, 41 Central St., Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to the March of Dimes.

Julie D. Schmidt

Active in local groups

Julie D. (Dorner) Schmidt, 89, of Andover, died Thursday, July 11 at Lawrence General Hospital.

Born in Sanford, Fla. and educated in East Rutherford, N.J., she graduated from East Rutherford High School, where she was captain of the girl's basketball

team.

She worked as a legal secretary for a lawyer in Rutherford.

She moved to Andover in 1955 and spent her winters at New Smyrna Beach, Fla., since 1974.

She was past matron of the Eastern Star in Rutherford and had been very active at West Parish Church in Andover. She had been a den mother for the Cub Scouts and was active with American Field Service.

Members of her family include her husband of 64 years, William C. Schmidt Sr. of Andover; a son, William C. Schmidt Jr. of West Columbia, S.C.; a sister, Inez Sasse and her husband, Richard, of Blacksburg, Va.; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be

held Monday, July 22 at 11 a.m. at the Charles F. Dewhurst Funeral Home, 33 Pearson St., Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Jacqueline Greeley

Formerly of Andover

Jacqueline (McDonald) Greeley, 70, of Methuen and formerly a longtime Andover resident, died Saturday, July 13 at her home.

Born in Lawrence, she graduated from Lawrence High School.

Mrs. Greeley worked at Western Electric Co. in North

Andover for 18 years.

Mrs. Greeley and her husband owned and operated a service station and convenience store in Mashpee from 1983 to 1992.

In 1992, she returned to Greater Lawrence, settling in Methuen. She was a parishioner of St. Patrick Church in Lawrence.

She was the widow of John E. Greeley.

Members of her family include her son, John F. Greeley of Marshfield; sisters, Claire Beacotte of Lawrence and Evelyn Mount of Pacific Palisades, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are by Farrah Funeral Home, 170 Lawrence St., Lawrence.

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OBITUARIES

Gary A. Wilt

Former police officer was husband of Townsman's production manager

Gary A. Wilt, 66, of Salisbury, died Wednesday, July 10 at Anna Jaques Hospital in Newburyport.

The son of Virginia (Allel) Borden and the late William Wilt, he was born in Peabody and received his education in the Danvers school system.

Mr. Wilt was an honorably discharged veteran, serving in the Korean War.

He was a member of the Plaistow Fish & Game Club in Plaistow, N.H., the Elks Club in Newburyport, and the American Legion Post in Seabrook, N.H.

Mr. Wilt was a retired pressman from the Label Print Co. in Newburyport and prior to that, he was a police officer for the town of Georgetown.

In addition to his mother, members of his family include his wife of 18 years, Christine (Turner) Wilt, who is the production manager at the *Andover Townsman*; a stepson, Michael Robinson of Amesbury; four sisters, Sandra Green of Portland, Maine, Marsha Coleman, Joyce Lamarre and Donna Delp, all of Danvers; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were under the direction of Peterson-O'Donnell Funeral Home, 167 Maple St., Danvers.

Burial was in the National Veterans Cemetery in Bourne.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lawrence Home Health Visiting Nurse Association, 360 Merrimack St., Lawrence MA 01843.

Theodore C. George

Ran George's Market in Lawrence for many years

Theodore C. "Ted" George, 84, of Andover, died Saturday, July 13 at Lawrence General Hospital.

Born and educated in Lawrence, Mr. George owned and operated George's Market in Lawrence for many years. He moved to Andover in 1957.

Mr. George served in the Army during World War II.

Members of his family include his wife, Sophie M. (Cannata) George; sons and daughters-in-law, Theodore C. George Jr. and Christa of

Andover, Christopher and Susan George of Windham, N.H., Stephen and Sally George of Windham, and David George of Andover; daughters, Lynn Kiley of Windham and Susan George of Andover; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lawrence General Hospital, 1 General St., Lawrence, MA 01841.

Funeral services were private and were by Cataudella Funeral Home, Methuen.

Margaret Madden

Lifelong town resident

Margaret Madden, 82, a lifelong Andover resident, died Sunday, July 7 at the Academy Manor Nursing Home in Andover.

In keeping with Ms. Madden's request, there were no calling hours.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

Howard C. Hamilton

Worked as an electrical engineer; owned video business

Howard Carlton Hamilton, 75, of Andover, died Thursday, July 11 at Kindred Hospital in Peabody.

Born in Brattleboro, Vt., Mr. Hamilton graduated from the University of Vermont and received a master's in business degree from Northeastern University. He worked as an electrical engineer at Western Electric, and owned and operated Carlton Engineering Co. and Movies & More Video.

Mr. Hamilton served in the Navy during World War II. He was a member of South Church and enjoyed being with his family.

Members of his family include his wife of 49 years, Mary C. (Adams) Hamilton; sons, John Hamilton and wife Audrey of Andover, and James Hamilton and wife Cathleen of Lexington; daughter, Katherine Hamilton of Alexandria, Va.; brothers, Joseph Hamilton of W. Brattleboro and Richard Hamilton of Marlboro, Vt.; sister, Alice Martin of Pittsfield, Vt.; six grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to South Church Memorial Gifts, in memory of Howard Carlton Hamilton, 41 Central St., Andover, 01810.

Funeral services are tomorrow, Friday, July 19 at 11 a.m. in South Church.

Burial will be private. Arrangements are by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St.

Harry F. McKeon Jr.

CPA retired as treasurer and VP of Bilrite Corp.

Harry F. McKeon Jr., 71, of Andover and formerly of Chelmsford, died Thursday, July

11 at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen, after a long illness.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Mr. McKeon graduated from New York University. He was a certified public accountant, and retired as vice president and treasurer of Bilrite Corp. in 1995.

Mr. McKeon was a communicant of St. Augustine Parish. He served as regional president of the Tax Executives Institute, and was financial secretary for 10 years for Chelmsford School Building Committee.

Members of his family include his wife, Dorothy J. (Freeman) McKeon; a son, Thomas McKeon of Windham, N.H.; daughters, Dr. Catherine and husband Michael O'Malley of Tyngsboro, and MariElizabeth of Arlington, Va.; six stepchildren; a sister, Delores Weber of Syosset, N.Y.; 19 grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Family Hospital Cancer Management Center, 70 East St., Methuen, MA 01844.

Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St. Burial was in St. Mary Cemetery in Tewksbury.

Donna M. Brucato

Enjoyed sailing, cooking, art and writing

Donna Marie (Roy) Brucato, 54, of Haverhill and formerly of Andover, died Wednesday, July 10 at her home.

Born in Methuen and educated in Andover, Mrs. Brucato was a merchandiser in the Boston area. She moved to Haverhill six years ago.

Her family said Mrs. Brucato was a gourmet chef, talented artist, amateur writer, certified scuba diver and gym instructor. She traveled extensively and

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DEATHS ELSEWHERE

DUNN - Elizabeth Alden (Corrigan) Dunn, 89, of Andover, died Wednesday, July 10 at Lawrence General Hospital. She was born in Andover, Mass., and was a member of the Andover Baptist Church. She was a homemaker and a devoted mother and grandmother. Arrangements are by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

in-law James and Barbara (Dunn) Dunn, 89, of Andover, died Wednesday, July 10 at Lawrence General Hospital. She was born in Andover, Mass., and was a member of the Andover Baptist Church. She was a homemaker and a devoted mother and grandmother. Arrangements are by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

ZINSER - Margaret M. Zinser, 55, of Andover, died Thursday, July 11 at Lawrence General Hospital. She was born in Andover, Mass., and was a member of the Andover Baptist Church. She was a homemaker and a devoted mother and grandmother. Arrangements are by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

was an avid sailor.

Members of her family include her husband, Gregory P. Brucato; father, Alcide Roy of West Palm Beach, Fla.; sons, Kurt Brucato and wife Rachel of Portland, Ore., and Derek Brucato of Haverhill; brothers, William Roy of San Francisco, Leonard Roy of Buffalo, N.Y., and Richard and Michael Roy of Florida; and many nieces, nephews, aunt and uncles.

Memorial contributions may be made to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 44 Binney St., Boston, MA 02115.

Bradford E. Webb

Owned Webb Poultry Farm in Andover

Bradford E. Webb, 89, of Lake Worth, Fla., and formerly of Andover, died Monday, July 8.

Born in Andover, Mr. Webb graduated from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. He owned Webb Poultry Farm in Andover and retired from Palm Beach County schools.

Mr. Webb served in the Army during World War II.

He was the widower of Ruth

P. (Pearl) Webb.

Members of his family include daughters, Barbara and husband William, Margaret and husband Patrick, and Lucille and husband Robert, all of Andover; sons, John and wife Judith, and William and wife Judith, all of Andover; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Arrangements are by Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to Essex Agricultural & Technical School, 202 Maple St., Haverhill, MA 01837.

Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

John G. McDonald

Retired Raytheon program manager was Andover native

John Gailey "Red" McDonald, 83, a lifelong Andover resident, died Wednesday, July 10.

Born and educated in Andover, Mr. McDonald retired as a program manager from

Raytheon. He attended St. Augustine Church.

Mr. McDonald served in the Army and Navy during World War II. He was a member of the Andover Knights of Columbus, Andover Elks Club, and Andover VFW.

Members of his family include his wife of 52 years, Edna W. (Menichoni) McDonald; sons, John McDonald and wife Lucille of Andover, and William McDonald of Chelmsford; daughters and sons-in-law, Judith McDonald of Taunton, Beverly and Ross Petty of Wayland, Joan D'Angelo of Boston, Kathleen and Warren Borse of Andover, Maureen of Kittery, Maine, Lynda and Marc, Abund of Ashland, and Patricia McDonald of Newburyport; sister, Catherine McDonald of Walnut Creek, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

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St. John's Preparatory School's graduating class of 2002 included Heritage Lane resident **Kellen J. Moriarty**.

Academic achievement awards were presented to graduating St. John's seniors who excelled in specific curricular areas. Moriarty, a National Honor Society member, received a Silver Medal in English and a Silver Medal in Latin.

While at John's, he was a member of the Celtic Band. He attended the American School of Karate in North Andover and holds a black belt in karate.

The son of Maripat and William Moriarty, he will attend Georgetown University in the fall.



Kellen J. Moriarty

Gordon College in Wenham announced the following local undergraduates: **Cynthia Garrett Rayner**, majoring in English language and literature; and **Jessica Erin Youell**, majoring in psychology.

Joshua D.M. Williams of Andover, the son of Michael Williams and Susan Montgomery, was awarded the Andover Club Prize at Phillips Academy.

This prize is given to an outstanding member of the 11th-grade class who combines excellence in scholarship with achievement in other fields.

Caitlin Meehan, a recent graduate of Andover High School, has been awarded honorable mention in the 2002 Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America/New England Chapter Scholarship Competition. The contest is held to identify high school students who can best inspire other teens to control their asthma and allergies and to find out how teens would make their schools or communities more asthma- and allergy-friendly.

In addition to being a high school student, Meehan is a dancer who works as a dance instructor in her spare time. She also assists mentally and physically challenged children with riding lessons and helped initiate a program at her school to teach a class of fifth-grade students about environmental issues.

In her winning scholarship contest essay, Meehan says that there are many ways to eliminate or lessen the many triggers of asthma and allergies in everyday school life. She says that making the switch from chalk and blackboards to whiteboards with limeless markers is "definitely a step in the right direction."

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DICK COLLINS

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

What they really meant was... Perceptions differ on who's 'lost their job'

By Ben Hellman

ADDRESSING FALLOUT FROM RECENT news stories regarding override cuts that were promised and the improper use of funds, School Committee member Christopher Smith said, "There is a perception of a lack of candor among this committee and certain members of this administration."

Member Dick Collins said "If people accuse me of lying, stealing and cheating the town of Andover... I bitterly resent those comments."

Superintendent Claudia Bach referred back to the *Townsmen's* March 7 article and accompanying chart regarding position cuts that would be made whether or not the override vote passed.

Some of the job losses were to be integrated into the other schools, while others were not. "The list is absolutely accurate. What I said on March 7 is what happened," she said.

Last week Bach couldn't name one person who would not be working for the Andover schools next year, except for Bancroft assistant principal Joyce Fahy-Laundre, who applied for and received a principal position in Melrose.

Bach continues to say that people have lost their jobs, with the meaning that they are no longer performing the same job that they had been performing.

But these people will continue to be employed by the Andover schools.

"Every one of those people had to go down and look for and apply for (other) jobs," she said. "I'm puzzled as to why that is unclear."

"We are not eliminating their jobs," said

member Skip Eccles, in a seeming attempt to clarify the situation.

"The charge that the superintendent lied to the public is ridiculous," said Collins.

Chairwoman Tina Girdwood called for the matter to be put to rest. "This is a difficult time for all of us. We're trying very hard. Let's get this back on a positive note," she said.

More teaching, less administering

By Ben Hellman

Physical education coordinator Brian McNally and health coordinator Dave Nichols will do more teaching next year, allowing the school administration to cut one full-time administrative position without eliminating a central-office administrator. Nichols will lose 60 percent of his administrative position, and McNally 40 percent of his duties.

"Brian has stepped up to the plate. It radically changes his job," said Superintendent Claudia Bach.

Nichols's position was in jeopardy after the override vote failed. The school administration had said it would cut one central-office curriculum coordinator's position.

The system's health teachers attended a School Committee meeting last month asking that Nichols's position not be cut.

Nichols is responsible for bringing \$190,000 in grant money to the school system, they argued.

All-day K gets the OK Program costs \$3,500 per student

By Ben Hellman

THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ENDORSED a fee-based, full-day kindergarten program this week. Andover will take the all-day K pilot program at the Shawshen School and expand it to include one full-day section in each of the elementary schools in the fall. The program costs \$3,500 per student, though a waiver is available to families who qualify for assistance. The classes will not exceed 24 students and the students will be picked by lottery.

Shawshen principal Brenda O'Brien and teacher Irene Velonis gave a glowing review of the Shawshen pilot program, which they said allows the teacher more one-on-one time with the students and allows for less "hurried" time.

Velonis said that a nap time she had allowed for was not necessary. Students preferred quiet time when they were allowed to play or interact quietly.

Committee member Skip Eccles was skeptical that there would be people in town who wouldn't want all-day kindergarten when they learned of the benefits. Superintendent Claudia Bach said she never intended the program to cover all kindergartners.

"Will we be able to offer a payment plan?" asked member Gerry Gustus. Bach stressed that they needed to ensure that the teachers got paid.

"Will we refund money if we collect too much?" asked Gustus.

"That's certainly something to consider," said business manager Bernie Tuttle. Tuttle then asked Gustus if he intended to return money if the schools collected more money in athletic fees. Gustus said it was nice when he overpaid a bill from Sears and got a refund.

Parent Kristen Wise said this wasn't the year



The School Committee voted to offer one all-day kindergarten section in each of the elementary schools in the fall.

to move to system-wide all-day kindergarten because of the questions surrounding the opening of the new schools. "No one knows when Callahan is going to turn those buildings over. The school system is taking on a lot," she said.

West Elementary principal Charlie Friel said the program was something he wanted to pursue this year. "The benefits outweigh anything we'll have to go through," he said.

Elementary principals O'Brien, Eileen Woods and Scott Morrison were also present and agreed that if the new elementary school isn't ready in the fall and the students were distributed to the existing elementary schools for a month, the program wouldn't be disrupted.

THEN VERSUS NOW: When Andover students become Andover teachers

By Ben Hellman

This story is another in a series of occasional stories of Andover students who went on to become teachers in the Andover school system.

TRICIA (MIDOLO) SALZANO WAS DESIGNING restaurants and churches after college. But the Andover High School class of '89 graduate found she would rather be teaching.

Salzano had gone to work for an architectural firm after graduating from the Chamberlain School of Design at Mount Ida College, but she found that the lack of interaction with others just didn't suit her. In 1996, she began teaching in Lawrence and remained there until she was hired to teach art this year at the Shawshen Elementary School. She will teach at High Plain Elementary when it opens.

In architecture Salzano was "always alone - I'm a people person," she laughed. Salzano is gregarious and fun. It's not hard to imagine her with kids. She jokes around, laughs frequently and thinks quickly. She likes the challenge of coming up with creative projects. She took her 4-year-old son Jameson out to paint rocks the other day. She had the paints all set up and he was interested for about two minutes. "Then he wanted to paint himself," she laughed. Her daughter Cora is almost a year and a half old.

At school, Salzano teaches the fundamentals of art: line, color and shape. She gets to integrate art into classroom teaching as well. Shawshen did "Project Ocean" this year. Salzano did a section on Winslow Homer, an American Impressionist known for his water scenes. "It's fun coming up with projects. Every day is different," she said.

Salzano has a unique teaching tool that helps her bond with her students. Her mother kept all of her childhood art projects. "I have this huge bag full of stuff I did since I was in kindergarten - sometimes I don't remember doing it," she said. She pulls out pieces to show her students.

Salzano had her own ideas in high school and she liked to have fun. She recounted honors level grades and detentions for lateness. "I was a good student. I would do things at the last minute, on the brink of going crazy," she said. She hated parking at the high school. She said she got to school on time, but by the time she pulled into a spot and got into class she would be late and eventually have to see the principal. "I was here, I wasn't in the building," she explained.

Test taking was a strength. "I love tests - it's a challenge. I liked the humanities. I like to read. I hated writing papers," she said.

A difficult class for her was Dominant Ideas, an English class with former Andover teacher Bill Becker. "He was just so tough," she said. The class explored different societies through literature. She had to read *Brave New World*. For one project, Salzano found herself polling classmates about alcohol, drugs and sex. Her partner was Eszter Vajda. "We worked so hard. We were at her house until two in the morning. (The teacher made) all negative comments. We were so angry," she said.

Salzano didn't take art in high school except for a new graphic arts class with Fran McCormick. "She was learning as much as we were learning. (Looking back now,) the program was archaic. I think it was MacPaint," she said. Salzano also took photography.

Growing up, Salzano was surrounded by relatives in school and in the town. "I had to watch what I did because I had eyes on me," she said. Her dad, Jim Johnson, was the police chief in town when she was growing up; her mom, Fran Johnson, also worked for the town for 20 years in the town clerk's office and finally for the Department of Public Works. She had cousins and second cousins as teachers. Salzano credits English teacher Kathleen Scanlon, a cousin, with helping her to learn to write. Another cousin, Ginny Caswell, was a secretary at Doherty Junior High. Ninth grade became part of the high school in her senior year.

Salzano stood in front of Andover High School recently reminiscing about sneaking decks of cards into the cafeteria and playing in 45s tournaments in study hall. "I wish I was back in high school again," she said. Another memorable experience was going to Spain with the Spanish Club. She pointed to the hill in front of the school and how it used to extend closer to the building. The area by the school that is cement with tables for students to sit was grassy when she was a student. "It doesn't seem that long ago," she said.



Tricia (Midolo) Salzano, a member of the AHS class of '89 (top photo), paused earlier this week in one of the art rooms at Andover High. She will teach art at High Plain Elementary when it opens this fall.

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IN BRIEF

Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce hosts networking event

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce will host a marketing mixer Tuesday, July 23, a networking event for businesses, at Blaire House of Tewksbury, 10-B Erlin Terrace, Tewksbury. The mixer will be held from 5-7 p.m., and is co-sponsored by Blaire House of Tewksbury.

Chamber Vice President Wil Carpenter comments, "The marketing mixers are a proven way for our members to meet one another and promote their products and services. In addition, there is no better way to meet business people if you are new to the area, than at one of the Merrimack Valley Chamber's mixers."

The mixer will feature hors d'oeuvres, beverages and prizes. Cost is \$10 per person, or bring a friend for the same price. The public is invited. The price for non-members is \$20.

For information about the Merrimack Valley Chamber, call 978-686-0900 or visit the Web site at <www.merrimackvalley-chamber.com>.

Korn/Ferry names Sullivan office managing director in Boston

Korn/Ferry International, an executive search consultancy, announced that it has appointed Robert Sullivan as the office managing director in the Boston office.

"I am excited about leading this office of Korn/Ferry," said Mr. Sullivan. "We have a great team of recruiters covering all industries and I'm looking forward to continuing our success in this market."

Sullivan has been with Korn/Ferry International for 6 years, where he has specialized in senior-level executive searches for such clients as Accenture (formerly Andersen Consulting), American Management Systems, Compaq, Deloitte & Touche, EMC, Ernst & Young, and Fidelity Investments.

Recent searches have included management consulting, financial services, venture capital, high technology and corporate organizations. Most recently he was co-head of the professional services practice.

Prior to joining Korn/Ferry, Sullivan was the director of recruiting for Deloitte & Touche Management Consulting, where he was responsible for recruiting for the northeast region. Sullivan also spent time at Fidelity Investments and another management recruiting firm, where he developed and managed a professional staff of consultants.

Sullivan holds a BS in business administration from Villanova University and attended Boston College's MBA program. He graduated from Dennis-Yarmouth High School in 1977. He lives in Andover with his wife, Ellen, and three daughters, Kathryn, Heather and Kelly.

Papalia feted for Q1 home sales

Prudential Howe & Doherty Realtors announced that Sue Papalia, a Chairman's Circle recipient, placed second in Massachusetts for exceptional accomplishment in residential sales achievement in the first quarter of 2002, and third in the Northeast region.

The Prudential Real Estate Affiliates Inc. sales associates who qualify for this award must place in the top three in their office and rank nationally in the Prudential Real Estate Network.



From left: Nina Zannierel, executive director of the Paul Revere House; Ken Leiber, chairman of the Boston Stock Exchange; and Alice and Karen Colombosian at the Boston Stock Exchange after the opening bell on Friday.

Yogurt-makers have a peal

Colombosians ring the bell at Boston Stock Exchange

By Ben Hellman

Boston traders got a treat last week. Alice and Karen Colombosian, spokeswomen for Colombo Yogurt, came to ring the bell at the Boston Stock Exchange - and brought yogurt with them.

Alice and Bob Colombosian, of Argilla Road, are familiar faces for those in Andover and on the Exchange because of a series of recent commercials for Colombo Yogurt, the first batch of which was made in Andover by Bob Colombosian's mother. The Colombosian family owned the company for years.

Currently, Colombo Yogurt is sponsoring a program to raise money for the Paul Revere House in Boston. This "Preserve Our Heritage" campaign was celebrated with the bell ringing last Friday.

"It was very, very exciting," said Karen Colombosian, who came in place of her father, Bob Colombosian, who is recovering from surgery.

Karen and Alice Colombosian described the Boston Exchange as calmer than the New York Stock Exchange, but they were still excited.

"It's more dignified. All the traders were eating Colombo Yogurt," said Karen Colombosian.

Alice Colombosian actually rang the large bell. "It was almost like the Liberty Bell," said her daughter. "She rang it 20 times and everyone cheered."

"We had a very nice day," said Alice Colombosian.

The two then got to sign their names at the exchange. The last person to ring the exchange bell was Boston Pops conductor Keith Lockhart, so the Colombosians got to sign their names below

his. Afterwards they went to the Paul Revere House to present awards to children who had created artwork showing their family background, while incorporating a container of Colombo Yogurt into the picture. Colombo Yogurt will donate 25 cents (from a minimum of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$50,000) for every specially marked container lid mailed in by Aug. 31. The Colombosians also met a great-great-grandson of Paul Revere at the event.

The Colombosian family sold Colombo Yogurt in the early '90s and it changed hands until General Mills bought it several years later. The couple was contacted by the new ownership last year to make a series of commercials in Andover. Three new commercials featuring Bob and Alice Colombosian are set to air in a month.

PUTTING THE TEE IN TEAM



Enjoying a morning of golf, and helping to raise \$32,500 for Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley Elder Care Fund, was a team of golfers from Angel Home Care, in Andover. From left are Frank Marr, Terrie Marr, Donald Biasiucci and Cheri Monk. Tournament proceeds will provide emergency assistance and in-home services, when there are no other resources, to help elders remain safe and independent in their communities. A full field of 144 area golfers and area businesses supported the event, organizers said.

Workers wanted at Amicore

By Ben Hellman

The information technology company Amicore moved into its corporate headquarters at Minuteman Park last weekend. The company advertises 26 job openings on its Web site <amicore.com> and will have 70 employees in the Andover area. It is seeking people for its software-development, project-management, sales and customer-support areas.

The company is renting a space just larger than 30,000 square feet at 200 Minuteman Road.

"We liked the Boston area for technology and health care," said Jim Fitzsimmons, president and CEO. The bulk of Amicore's business is in New England. "Andover seemed like a great location," he said.

Amicore is an information-tech-

nology company in the health-care industry. The companies Pfizer, Microsoft and IBM created Amicore in 2001. PenChart of Salem, N.H. was taken over by Amicore, giving the company an employee base in the area.

The company says it offers its services to doctors' offices, automating the offices, reducing errors and allowing doctors to focus on patients instead of paperwork.

Fitzsimmons recently moved his family to Massachusetts from California, and is new to the Andover area. He was looking for a good place for his staff to go out to eat on Tuesday night. "I'm just learning my way around," said Fitzsimmons. "We're looking forward to being a good neighbor."



Amicore's corporate headquarters are now in Minuteman Park.

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Not the town you thought it was

Locals can guess whodunnit in murder mystery set in Andover

By Rebecca Piro

Growing up in next-door Haverhill, author Holly Porterfield always had a special place in her heart for what she sees as the charming New England town of Andover.

"Andover is so lovely," she pauses. "It's too bad I made two murders happen there." No, Porterfield isn't on the Andover Police Department's most wanted list. She's the author of the book *Think Twice, Twice*, a murder mystery set in town. "I wanted a charming town, a small community and I know Andover well," she says.

Those familiar with Andover will quickly realize that Porterfield's book can only be pure fiction, as the majority of Andover's crime tends to range from mailbox vandals to noisy neighbors. But there are places throughout the book that the attuned Andoverite will spot as references to real, historical places in town — like Porterfield's March House Cafe, a creation modeled after the former Backstreet Cafe on Essex Street, now Glory Restaurant. Porterfield visited the restaurant years ago when it was called Backstreet. Her mother, Haverhill resident Barbara Gove, says her children took her to the Cafe for her 70th birthday.

It might be tough for many to identify the Andover references, because Porterfield — a novice writer — hid them well. "I was afraid that if I named certain places, they'd sue me if they didn't like the book!" she laughs.

Today Porterfield lives in Idaho. She

uses her writing as a way to vacation back in the places she grew up. "Writing gave me a chance to spend time where my roots are," she says.

Writing is also in this author's roots. Her first inclinations were towards journalism, but she broadened her dreams to include writing a book.

"Writing had been my dream since I was

the shy."

Think Twice, Twice may be her first book, and it may have been a long time coming, but Porterfield says there are more on the way. She's been working on what she believes will be her masterpiece: a novel called *The Sword Dance of the Human Spirit*.

"The sword dance is a medieval dance that people would perform in the streets," she says. "Someone would pretend to die and be reborn, which made the community feel like everything was resurrected."

Porterfield's son, now 24 years old, was very ill as a child, and she almost lost him. "I went through a sword dance with my human spirit," she says. "While my son was ill, it tested the rattle in me."

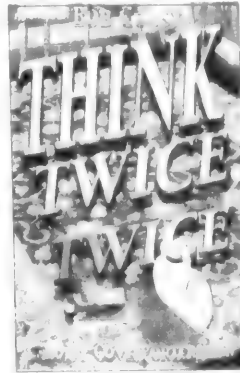
The book has similar themes, and it is sometimes so painful to write that Porterfield says she must stop and take breaks. "I will continue writing mysteries until I finish the book that I feel is going to be my work of art," she says.

Think Twice, Twice will be available at the Andover Bookstore. Readers will discover that the title is a hint at uncovering the mystery, as Porterfield is suggesting that readers not necessarily believe everything they learn about the characters. And readers might discover pieces of Andover in the book.

"That's why I thought Andover people might be really excited about this book," she says. "If I've been to a place and I'm reading about that place, it brings me there."



Think Twice, Twice is the first book by Porterfield (above).



High school bands are coming home

Former AHS grads are back to shake the walls of Old Town Hall

By Kyra Auffermann
What's Up Intern

Every suburban high school has its share of garage bands, most of which, thankfully, never leave the garage before splitting up. Andover tends to have a musically oriented and talented teenage population, but even so, it's rare for its high-school groups to stay together after graduation.

However, the rock band Crown — consisting of AHS grads Brock Bouchard on lead guitar, Chris Krey doing vocal, guitar, keyboard and bass; Roger Cohen on the drums; and Dave Wholey playing the bass and guitars — has managed to remain intact through its members' freshman years at separate colleges. Crown will be headlining at the upcoming Andover

Youth Services-sponsored show at Old Town Hall along with Mappari (Will Dailey and Chris Driscoll doing guitar and vocals, Glen Cancelliere playing the bass, Anthony Bunuicich on the drums).

"(We) started off as being a high-school rock band, and now we've been together a couple years," says Krey. "Our song writing has gotten us to a second level."

Crown hopes to start touring regularly during the summer, and is launching a second attempt to release an album, due out around Christmas.

Will Dailey of Mappari, a former AHS student and UMass alumnus, describes his band as

"Pearl Jam meets Sublime, with a modern twist." He says that he's "psyched" about the upcoming show, and is looking forward to performing at Old Town Hall for the first time since 1995, when he was in high school. The band is scheduled to tour the East Coast through September, with an upcoming CD to be released in

"It'll be an awesome show."

BILL FAHEY

October.

Middle Run, whose members compare their sound to the Foo Fighters or Bush, will be opening the show, with Jimmy Noonan on the guitar and vocals, Andy Gossart on drums and James Checrallah playing the bass. "The band has only

been together a few months," says Checrallah, "but we're old high-school friends, and we've been working on separate projects." All of the band members attended Phillips Academy, and currently live in Andover.

The show will be July 20, and the doors will open at 8 p.m. Admission is \$5. "There should be a lot of people there, it's three really awesome bands," says Bill Fahey, director of Andover Youth Services. "I know it's summer, a lot of people are busy... but it'll be an awesome show."

For more information about the bands, visit their Web sites: www.experiencecrown.com, www.mappari.com, and www.middle-run.com.

For upcoming events, contact Bill Fahey at 623-8241.



Chris Krey (left), a member of Crown, and Will Dailey, a member of Mappari, will play Saturday in the town where they grew up.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, July 18

Musical, Merrimack Valley Players. *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, \$15 adults, \$12 seniors and children under 12. 8 p.m., July 18, 19, and 20, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; 978-837-5355.

Live music, children's series Pete & Ellen Allard, free, 11 a.m., Boarding House Park, downtown Lowell. 978-970-5000. Ext. 41 <www.lowellsummermusic.org>

Live music, with the Windham Community Band, sponsored by the Haverhill Downtown Association, free, 7 p.m., Washington Square, Haverhill.

Picnic concert, with Pick 3 Interpretations of Bluegrass, Celtic, Western Swing, \$5 members, \$15 non-members, 7 p.m., Castle Hill, Gloucester; Whitney Pearce 978-412-2558.

Friday, July 19

Live music, Viva Broadway!, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Boarding House Park, downtown Lowell; 978-970-5000. Ext. 41 <www.lowellsummermusic.org>

Golf fundraiser, annual Sons of Italy Golf Tournament, Merrimack Golf Course, Howe Street, Methuen; Armand Buonanno 978-686-2280.

Live comedy, Greg Carey, Joe Matarese, Debra Parkman, 9:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Palace at the Grill 93, River Road, 1-888-TO-LAUGH

Live comedy, Paul Nardizzi, Scott Carney, Todd Verdonck, \$12, 9:30

p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Saturday, July 20

History, craft workshop for kids, miniatures craft workshop, for ages 7-12, 3-5 p.m., Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.; 978-475-2236.

Live jazz, featuring Mark Kross Five-Piece Trio with Herb Pomeroy and Billie Novack, \$15, 8 p.m., Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham; 781-279-2200 <www.stonehamtheatre.org>

Live music, Patty Larkin, \$5, 7:30 p.m., Boarding House Park, downtown Lowell; 978-970-5000. Ext. 41 <www.lowellsummermusic.org>

Kids lizard show, The L'il Iguana Traveling Safety Show, free, 11 a.m., Boarding House Park, downtown Lowell; 978-970-5000. Ext. 41 <www.lowellsummermusic.org>

Family show, the American State Festival Peacock Player's performs five Grimm Brothers fairy tales, \$8, 11 a.m., Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham; 781-279-2200 <www.stonehamtheatre.org>

Artist's reception, for Marsha York's show, 3-6 p.m., Churchill Gallery, 6 Inn St., Newburyport. 978-462-9891

Live comedy, Greg Carey, Joe Matarese, Debra Parkman, call for prices, 8 & 10:30 p.m., Comedy Palace at the Grill 93, River Road, 1-888-TO-LAUGH

Live comedy, Paul Nardizzi, Scott Carney, Todd Verdonck, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-

8088.

Museum opening, Revolving Museum celebrates its new home with the opening of *Home-Made: Projects and Public*. Raise the Roof! Premier & Fundraising Event 5-9 p.m., \$35 donation. Opening reception July 27, 5-8 p.m., free, gallery hours Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday 12-4 p.m., 22 Shattuck Street, Lowell.

Children's art festival, North Shore Arts Association artists will hold mini-workshops for kids of all ages, art scavenger hunt, mural painting and art exhibit of children's work will be on display. N.S.A.A. free, 1 a.m.-2 p.m., 191 R East Main St., Gloucester; 978-283-1857.

Sunday, July 21

Poms Pond concert, sponsored by Department of Community Services, 1-3 p.m., featuring Bill Seism Jazz Band, rotten-sneaker contest, sandcastle contest, games, bring a picnic or purchase sandwiches at concession stand, Kim Stamas 978-623-8241.

Copeland and Gershwin, sponsored by Lawrence History Center/Immigrant City Archives, featuring baritone soloist, Robert Honey-sucker, free, 6 p.m., Holy Rosary Parish 6 Essex Street, Lawrence; <www.landmarksorchestra.org> or call 617-520-2200.

Live big band music, with Saxony Kaye Orchestra, 5:25-2 p.m., Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham; 781-279-2200.

Tribute to area soldiers, Peabody Essex Museum will dedicate a commemorative brick walkway in

honor of Essex County Veterans, free, 2 p.m., Amory Park, Salem; Martha Carleton 800-745-4054 <www.peabody.org>

Summer jazz, with Arnie Krakowsky, \$5 donation, Studio Restaurant, 800 N. Ave., Gloucester; reservation recommended 978-283-4142.

Monday, July 22

Poms Pond swim lessons, sponsored by Department of Community Services, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., sessions for children ages 5-6, fourth, fifth and sixth graders, and up. Lessons for Monday, Thursday with Friday make-up day. Register at DCS office by Friday July 19. Kim Stamas 978-623-8241.

Karate Demonstration, with Lisa Belfiore, a student at the National Karate Institute will demonstrate national ranking, stunting, kata, moves followed by a Q & A, display of weapons, uniforms, etc., free, Stevens Memorial Hall, 100 North Andover; 978-688-8888.

Tuesday, July 23

Walk, sponsored by Harriet Parker State Park, 1-4 p.m., Russ C. will lead a three hour walk through the forest pointing out notable plants and sharing information about how to prepare them. Wear insect repellent and comfortable shoes, bring paper, pen, pencil, etc., no reservations. Meet at Moulton Park headquarters, Moulton Park, N. Andover; 978-453-7672.

Live jazz, with The Marshall Wood

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PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Author spells out gratitude

Grant winner Sabina Murray, PA writer-in-residence, to start fourth book

By Rebecca Piro

To a writer, winning a \$12,500 grant can be as exciting as winning one million dollars from the lottery.

Sabina Murray, Phillips Academy's writer-in-residence, felt that excited when a member of the Massachusetts Cultural Council called her to tell her she had won a grant

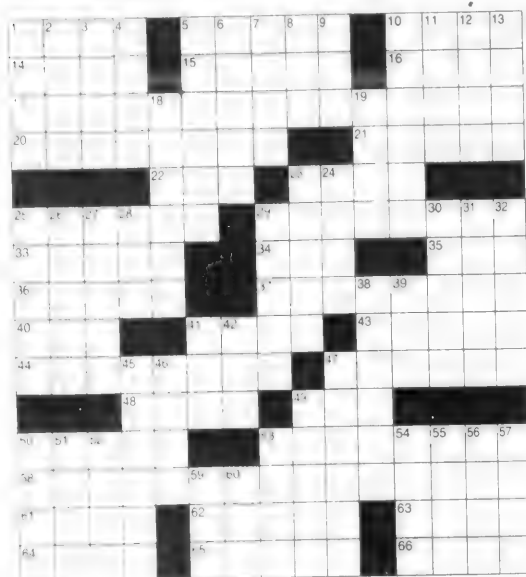
for fiction writing. "When the woman called me I was having a cook-out for my students," she says. "I picked up the phone and she said congratulations. It was almost like winning Publisher's Clearing House, like someone should have knocked (on my

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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1. Beginning to end, abbr.
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10. Cubature unit
14. Wonderments
15. Heath
16. Dirt
17. Filing status
20. About river
21. Washes
22. Substitute
23. Take
25. Therefore
29. Strokes
33. Vaclav
34. Flower petals
35. Before
36. Aristocracy
37. Milled product of durum wheat used in pasta
40. Sickly
41. Brews
43. Cover with wood
44. Lets it be known
47. Enunciate
48. Away from wind
49. Indicates near
50. Ethiopian lake
53. Analyses
58. Trouble-bound
61. Area unit
62. Substance
63. Wife (German)
64. An isolated fact
65. Directs



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CLUES DOWN

1. A wild goat
2. Chinese Moslem
3. Gather
4. Approves food
5. Make soiled
6. Saint

7. Jerusalem temple site
8. European money
9. Placental mammal
10. Causes to be heard
11. Sailboat
12. Rise up
13. Tots up
18. Diviner
19. This (Spanish)

23. Business
24. Semitic language
25. Belonging to them
26. City in SW East Germany
27. Bads
28. Take hold of
29. Arguments
30. Net
31. Sea eagles
32. Closes
38. Most favorables
39. Household god (Roman)
41. Fed
42. The side of something that is sheltered from the wind
45. Bicycle-built-for-two
46. Jal __, sport
47. Components
49. Travesty
50. Tai
51. Denomination
52. Swiss river
53. Nigeria people
54. Chancy
55. Ancient Japanese religious center
56. Ardour
57. Idler
59. Veterans battleground
60. Young women's association

SOLUTION ON PAGE 17

WHAT'S UP

Fishy advice: Tips on getting the best bite in Andover waters

By Evan Greer

Summer is here and the water in Andover is warm; recorded at 81 degrees in Foster's Pond on Sunday. The warm water and hot sun can make fishing slower than usual, but Andover's various ponds will still yield a good catch of game fish, primarily Large Mouth Bass, especially in the late afternoon around 4.

Small, floating plastic minnows and other plastic lures have been doing well, according to Larry Bourget, a North Reading resident who fishes Andover's ponds. Bourget caught a 3.6 pound Large Mouth in Foster's Pond on Monday, just one of several large fish that he has caught in the area. Most bass being caught are averaging one pound or smaller, but the occasional large fish like Bourget's will occasionally find its way into a boat.

Other fishermen reported catches of large pickerel and perch, as well as Andover's hearty population of black crappie, bluegill and sunfish. In this weather,

Andover's smaller species tend to frequent areas with drop-offs (where the water becomes deep quickly) and structure such as lily pads and downed trees.

In the evening when the water cools and the bugs come out, top water lures such as poppers and flies have been successful at drawing strikes. Live bait has been doing well, as always, particularly during the hottest hours of the day when lures fail to get any response.

For parents looking to find easy fishing for their children, now is the perfect time of year for them to learn. With the current conditions, a bit of bread, corn, or a worm suspended under a bobber will almost instantly catch a sunfish at any of Andover's ponds, making an enjoyable trip for even the most impatient young fishermen. Try Pump's Pond for easy access or Baker's Meadow for a more secluded environment.

► *What's Up* is written by kids for kids. E-mail submissions to: <jack@andovertownsmen.com>.

Phillips writer-in-residence wins fiction-writing grant

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door) and given me a big check. The money might not go quite so far as a lottery win would, but it will make a difference for Murray as she settles in to write her fourth book. "When you get a grant like that, it makes you very optimistic. It's a cushion. It makes you feel like you can just write your book and get the extra support you need, and it will all work out."

And Murray needs all the help she can get. Besides writing, she's raising two children, ages 5 months and 4 years old. She does some teaching at Phillips when school is in session. And then there's her research — though some, including Murray herself, might argue that the research can be as much fun as a vacation.

"Nothing wrong with that!" she laughs.

Murray spent the month of June in Greece researching the tourist industry for her new book, tentatively titled *Hellenic*

Travel. It's set in Greece and features a character touring the landscape in the 1950s. "There is going to be mystery (in the story) as well," says Murray.

Murray applied for the grant by submitting samples from her most recently published book *The Caprices*, a collection of short stories that explores the Pacific campaign of World War II through characters that are part fictional, part family. Murray's mother lived through the Japanese occupation of the Filipino city of Manila. She shared her experiences with Murray, as did other family members and friends. From their tales Murray drew her stories.

Murray is one of 62 artists across the state to receive grant money. She competed against 1,400 applicants to win.

"It was hard," she says. "It was tough to get."

But Murray has more to smile about. Her first screenplay, *Beautiful Country*, slated to star Nick Nolte, is scheduled to begin production in October.

EVENTS CALENDAR

JULY 18 THRU JULY 28

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Trio, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Casa Vecchia Restaurant, Route 97, Salem, N.H.; 603-893-6553.

Free outdoor film, Toy Story, 8:30 p.m., Columbus Park, Haverhill, sponsored by England's MicroCremerie, 109 Washington St., Haverhill; weather permitting; 978-373-6400.

Marketing Mixer, Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, Beach Blanket Bingo Marketing Mixer. \$10 members, \$20 non-members, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., hors d'oeuvres and beverages, network and exchange business cards, Blair House of Tewksbury, 10B Erlin Terrace, Tewksbury; 978-851-3121.

Chamber Music Concert, North Shore chamber music ensemble, Eden's Edge will perform Debussy, Ravel and Boston-based composer Richard Cornell, free, 2 p.m., meet-the-artists reception will be held following each concert, Northshore Unitarian Universalist Church in Danvers; 978-768-6229 or 781-237-1814.

Wednesday, July 24

Family Music Festival, Anderson Gram folk music, free, 6 p.m., sponsored by Department of Community Services, at The Park bandstand, Chestnut and Bartlett streets, rain date is July 25, the rain location will be Memorial Auditorium, next to the park; DCS 978-623-8274.

Organ Recital, with Ken Cowan, playing Mozart, Scarlatti, Willan, von Weber, Arne and Reger, adults: \$7; children: \$2, 8 p.m., Methuen Memorial Music Hall, 192 Broadway, Methuen; <www.mmmh.org>.

Olde Tyme Circus, sponsored by the North Andover Lions Club, Vidbel's Olde Tyme Circus two shows Wednesday July 24, and two shows Thursday July 25, 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. for more information call Frank Sapienza, 978-

685-2159

Auditions, for the Valley Players production, *Over the River and Through the Woods*, 7 p.m., adults only, bring current head shot and resume, Amesbury Playhouse 194 Main Street, Amesbury; 978-388-9444.

Field trip, the Learning in retirement Association, of Lowell is going to the birthplaces of John Adams and John Quincy Adams in Quincy; 978-934-3135.

Thursday, July 25

Dallas Night, Family barbecue, fun and games for the whole family at the YMCA Andover/North Andover branch \$6 or \$8:50 pre-registration, starts 5:30 p.m., seating times 5:45, 6:15, 6:45 or 7:15 p.m., 165 Haverhill Street, Andover; 978-685-3541

Stories and Songs, sponsored by Memorial Hall Library "This Land is Your Land" with David Bates & Roger, free, pick up tickets in the children's room after July 15, Memorial Hall Library, 2 p.m.,

Live music, sponsored by the Lawrence Eagle-Tribune, the West Newbury Vet Band, free, 7 p.m., Washington Square, Haverhill.

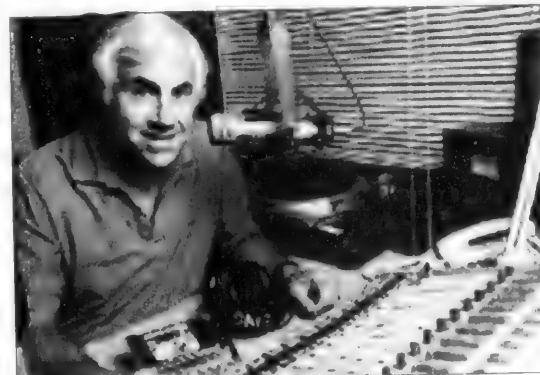
Live blues, featuring Maria Muldaur, \$21-25, 7:30 p.m., Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham; 781-279-2200 <www.stonehamtheatre.org>.

Picnic concert, Bruce Marshall Group, R&B country blues and southern boogie, \$5 members, \$15 non-members, 7 p.m., Castle Hill, Gloucester; Whitney Pearce 978-412-2558

Mixed Media Workshop, North Shore Arts Association presents nationally recognized artist Sandra Saitto, to lead a three day mixed media workshop, \$150.00, July 25, 26, 27, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., 197R East Main St. Gloucester; call to register 978-283-1857.

Magic Circle Theatre, presents

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Radio and TV personality, Ron Della Chiesa, will host an evening of entertainment, titled "The Strictly Sinatra MusicAmerica Dance Party," Friday, July 26 from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Ramada Rolling Green.

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Sports

District 14 Little League Tournament

Americans move to champion round

Post 10-6 victory over Andover Nationals

By Rick Harrison

Danny Haugh belted a pair of homers, while Colin Bowman and Mike Morander also went yard and Ryan Kemp pitched a complete-game victory, as the Andover American Major 11-12 All-Stars advanced to the District 14 Little League Tournament championship round with a 10-6 victory over Andover National in their winner's bracket final at Deyermund Field.

The undefeated Americans, 4-0 in the double-elimination tourney, were in the driver's seat as they took the field last night (after *Townsmen* presstime) needing just one more win to capture the district title.

Their opponent in the championship round was Tewksbury American, which edged Andover National 2-0 in the loser's bracket final Tuesday night at Poulin Field in Tewksbury.

The loss knocked the Nationals out of contention as they bowed out of the tourney with a final record of 4-2.

"This is a great way to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Andover Little League — to have both All-Star teams do so well in the tournament and finish as two of the top three teams," said Americans' manager Paul Sartori.

If Andover American lost last night's game at the neutral Methuen East field, a second winner-take-all game will be played tonight between the locals and Tewksbury American (6-1).

Tewksbury's only District 14 loss was 5-4 to Andover American in their winner's bracket semifinal.

The District 14 champ advances to bi-district and sectional play, with sectional winners moving to the four-team State Tournament to be held way out west in North Adams this year.

Double-elimination play also began in the Major 9-10 Division of the District 14 Tournament.

Defending district champ Andover National opened with a tough 5-4 loss to Tewksbury National at Deyermund Field, while Andover American squeezed past Methuen West, 8-7.

The Americans are off until Sunday afternoon when they host Tewksbury American at Deyermund Field (1 p.m.). Tewksbury overpowered South Lawrence East 22-2 in its opener.

MAJOR 11-12 DIVISION

WINNER'S BRACKET

FINAL Andover American 10 Andover National 6

The Americans jumped ahead 3-0 in the top of the first inning and managed to keep the lead the rest of the way.

However, it wasn't until the top of the sixth that the winners gained some much-appreciated breathing room with a four-run rally to break open a 6-5 game.

Winning pitcher Ryan Kemp (2-0 tourney) produced a gritty performance, the righthander going the distance while allowing 11 hits, fanning six and walking two.

"You had two outstanding teams butting heads and it was an entertaining game — good to win and tough to lose," said coach Sartori.

The Americans wasted no time breaking out the long ball.

Danny Haugh got things started when he belted a solo homer to left, the ball clattering off the right field fence on the adjacent field at the Deyermund complex.

Kemp then laced a single and Mike Morander launched his two-run blast to right field for a quick 3-0 lead.

The Nationals bounced back with a pair of runs in the second, including a bases-empty homer by Kurt Berthiaume.

Eric Chu and Peter White followed with singles, both advanced on a passed ball, and Kevin Hitchko lofted a sac-fly to trim the deficit to 3-2.

Haugh's second homer of the game, and fourth of the tournament, boosted the Americans' lead to 4-2 as his smash again cleared the left field fence with plenty to spare.

In the bottom of the inning Nationals' pitcher P.J. Farnham (2-1) laced a single and raced home on a sharp double to left-center by Greg Cook.

Colin Bowman continued the power parade with a solo homer to left-center in the fourth, extending the Americans' lead to 5-3.

The four home runs in this game boosted the Americans' impressive total in 11 in four tourney outings.

In the fifth Zack Burdeau singled, Chris Sartori laid down a sacrifice bunt, and Burdeau eventually scored on a passed ball for a 6-3 Americans' edge.

The Nationals kept counter-punching in the home half, as Farnham singled, Mike Pierce ripped an RBI double to left-center and Berthiaume's run-scoring single to left made it 6-5.

The Americans finally put the exclamation point on the triumph in the sixth, starting a four-run rally when Mike Palermo reached on an error, Kyle Lightner walked and both advanced on a passed ball.

Kemp helped himself with a two-run double to the gap in right-center, before Morander was hit by a pitch and a passed ball pushed both he and Kemp into scoring position.

Bowman drove in his second and third runs of the afternoon with a single to left.

The Nationals refused to go quietly as they stirred around once again in the bottom of the sixth.

Mike Yastrzemski singled, Kyle Pettoruto walked and Farnham stung an RBI single to left before Kemp got the third out with two runners aboard.

Haugh, Kemp and Bowman finished with two hits each for the winners.

Defensive standouts included Shawn McDermott at second base, and leftfielder Morander who saved at least one run with a diving catch to end the Nationals' third inning.

Leadoff batter Farnham sparked A-N with three singles, while Berthiaume and Yastrzemski stroked two hits apiece.

Solid defense for the Nationals came from the left side of the infield, shortstop Pierce handling four chances flawlessly and third baseman Cook making a diving stop and perfect throw to first in the opening inning.

WINNER'S BRACKET SEMIFINALS

Andover National 12 Chelmsford Fitts 6

Andover took a 6-0 lead before Fitts had its first turn at-bat, and Chelmsford never came closer than four runs the rest of the way.

Leadoff batter P.J. Farnham laced a pair of singles in the top of the first inning, driving in one run, as the Nationals sent 11 batters to the plate and scored six times.

Other highlights of the stanza were a two-run homer to left-center by Kurt Berthiaume and doubles by Mike Pierce (RBI), Greg Cook (RBI) and Peter White.

After Fitts notched a pair of runs in the second, the Nationals made it 10-2 with four runs in the third.

Farnham and Craig Buckley launched the rally with singles, Pierce bounced a two-run ground-rule double over the fence in right-center and Eric Chu followed with a run-scoring double to left-center.

The final run of the inning came when Kevin Hitchko beat out a bunt and circled the bases as Chelmsford threw the ball around the infield.

The locals scored their final two runs in the fourth on singles by Mike Yastrzemski, Tripp Stevens, Mike Donelan (RBI) and Brendon Hughes (RBI).

Farnham led the 17-hit Andover attack with three safeties, while Berthiaume had the homer (first of tourney) and double, Pierce rapped two doubles and Chu had a pair of safeties.

Cook, Hughes, Stevens, Donelan and Yaz lashed a hit each. Hitchko made the defensive play of the game in left field when he reached over the fence to rob a Fitts player of a home run.

Other defensive standouts were outfielders Kyle Pettoruto and John



The Firebirds will represent Massachusetts in the Division 1 AAU National Tournament in Lakeville, Minn. from July 26 through Aug. 2.

Firebirds capture silver

Four Andover boys on regional team

The New England Firebirds 12 U baseball team finished its season with a silver medal in the Massachusetts State Tournament. Four Andover boys are on the team.

The Firebirds went into the tourney as the No. 1 seed and won four consecutive games before losing in the championship game. On Friday night the Firebirds defeated the Leominster Lightning, 13-6. Colin Bowman of Andover led the offense with three hits, and Ryan Kemp of Andover, collected two. The Firebirds

defeated America's Pastime 13-3 in game one on Saturday with Ryan Kemp adding another two hits. In game 3, the Firebirds overpowered the Frozen Ropes of Franklin, 21-2. Colin Bowman and Ryan Kemp each contributed two hits. In the championship pool series on Sunday, the Firebirds opened up with a 9-6 win over the South Shore Seadogs. Ryan Kemp took the win on the mound and Bowman, Kemp, and Gary Girolamo paced the offense with two hits each.

In the championship game,

the Firebirds came up on the short end of a 10-5 score. Chris Sartori of Andover pitched well for the Firebirds and the offense hit the ball hard but came up with little to show for it.

Mike Palermo of Andover had two hits but it was not enough to stop the hard hitting Hitdogs, who won the championship.

The Firebirds, whose record stands at 26-3-1, will represent Massachusetts in the Division 1 AAU National Tournament in Lakeville, Minn. from July 26 through Aug. 2.

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Winning pitcher Mike Pierce (2-0 tourney) worked the first 3 1/3 innings, Berthiaume went the next 1 2/3 and Chu mopped up with a scoreless sixth.

The trio combined for a seven-hitter and five strikeouts to send Fitts to the loser's bracket.

Ryan Buckley doubled and Dan DeCoste had a pair of singles to spark Chelmsford.

Andover American 5 Tewksbury American 4

A tumbling bases-loaded catch by shortstop Kevin Twomey, who grabbed the popout between the mound and second base in the top of the sixth inning, brought this game to a dramatic end.

Tewksbury, trailing 5-1 entering the final stanza, rallied for three runs and had the bases loaded with one out.

Andover complete-game winning pitcher Kyle Lightner (2-0 tourney) got the second out on a comebacker to the mound, as he threw home for the force out.

The count went to 3-1 on the next Tewksbury batter, and one more wide pitch would have forced home the tying run.

Lightner threw a second strike — and with a full count the hitter fouled off the next two pitches.

The eighth serve of the at-bat was popped up on the infield grass, with Twomey racing in and diving to make the clutch play and preserve the win.

"Kevin dove on the ground and rolled over so it was a few anxious seconds before we knew he had caught the ball and the game was over," said Andover manager Paul Sartori. "It was a spectacular way to end it."

Tewksbury, which had won three previous tourney games and outscored its opponents, 24-6, inched ahead 1-0 in the top of the first.

Andover erased the deficit in the bottom half when Lightner was hit by a pitch and Danny Haugh belted a two-run homer (second of the tourney).

In the second inning Ryan Walsh walked and RBI singles by Mike Palermo and Ryan Kemp made it 4-1.

What proved to be the winning run came in the fourth when Lightner singled, Kemp walked and Mike Morander was hit by a pitch to load the bases.

Lightner scored his second run of the game on Chris Sartori's fielder's choice grounder, and Andover left the bases loaded to set the stage for the pulse-quickening Tewksbury sixth.

Key Tewksbury strokes in the inning, prior to Twomey's catch, were a two-run homer by Scott Darby and singles by Scott Oberg and Scott Capraro. Jim Mazzapica also had a bases-loaded walk to force home a run.

Palermo finished with two hits for Andover while single safeties were contributed by Morander, Sartori, Twomey and Zach Burdeau.

LOSER'S BRACKET FINAL Tewksbury American 2 Andover National 0

Tewksbury righthander Scott Oberg shut down the Nationals' potent offense Tuesday night with a complete-game five-hitter and seven strikeouts.

Twice the locals had two runners aboard but could not capitalize, as Tewksbury posted its fourth shutout in seven tourney games.

The closest Andover came to scoring was in the fourth, when Kyle Pettoruto lofted a long single off the base of the left field fence.

Had the ball traveled three more feet it would have been a game-tying two-run homer.

The winners scored their two runs early on a solo home run and a wild pitch.

A third run was nullified when

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pitcher Oberg belted an apparent bases-empty homer to left, but in rounding the bases he failed to touch first and the Nationals' appeal to umpire Charlie Larocque was upheld.

P.J. Farnham laced a pair of hits for Andover and also played a solid defensive game at shortstop.

Mike Pierce (2-1) pitched a strong complete-game four-hitter for the Nationals.

MAJOR 9-10 DIVISION

FIRST ROUND
Tewksbury National 5
Andover National 4

Danny Colombo and Conor Flanagan both went 2-for-2 to pace Andover National in the tough-luck loss.

The locals had 1-0 and 4-3 leads before visiting Tewksbury pushed

across the tying and winning runs in the fourth.

A-N put the tying and go-ahead runs in scoring position with no outs in the final inning, but could not get them home from second and third.

One of Colombo's hits was a double and Mike Cahill also had a strong game offensively for Andover.

Catcher C.J. Leary was a defensive standout and Colombo pitched four strong innings in relief.

The defeat put A-N in the difficult position of having to win six straight games to climb out of the loser's bracket into the championship round.

The first of those survival games is tonight (Thursday) against South Lawrence West at Mt. Vernon Park in Lawrence (5:45 p.m.).

SLW also has its back to the wall after an 18-1 mercy-rule loss to North Andover National West in its tourney opener.

Life at the top: Post 8 all alone in their zone

By Rick Harrison

The Andover Post 8 American Legion baseball team hammered Peabody Post 153 by an 11-1 count, and Lynn Post 6 also fell 11-4 recently, as the locals assumed sole possession of first place in the Zone 8 standings entering the final week of regular season play.

Post 8, with four Zone games left and a virtual lock on a playoff berth, improved to 13-2 overall for 26 points.

Gloucester and the Swampscott Mariners are a game behind with three losses apiece, while Newburyport and Danvers have four defeats each.

Three other teams in Zone 8, including Lawrence Post 15, also remain in the playoff hunt with five losses.

Andover is bidding for its sixth Zone 8 title and ninth playoff berth in the last 13 years. The locals have also advanced to the State final 8 four times.

Schedule

Four of Andover's last five games this week are on the road and two are against other playoff

challengers. There is also a non-league game with Zone 5A leader Lowell Post 87.

The locals played at Salem Post 23 earlier this week, after *Townsmen* presstime, and tonight Andover travels to face Beverly Post 331 in a 6 p.m. game.

A Saturday doubleheader has Newburyport Post 150 at Aumais Field in the lone home game at 3 p.m., and Post 8 is back on the road against Lowell that night at Stoklosa Alumni Field (7:30 p.m.).

The regular season finale is Sunday night against Danvers Post 180 under the lights at Twi Field (7:30 p.m.).

The best-of-3 first-round playoffs, between the top four teams in Zone 8 and Zone 5, begin next Tuesday night. Opponents will be determined this weekend.

Sizzling Salini

Andover outfielder Andy Salini continues as one of the most dangerous hitters in Massachusetts Legion baseball.

He was 26-for-37 in the first 15 games, scoring .703 average. He has hit .300 in 16

but one game and has 27 RBI including at least one in every game except Swampscott. He has also cracked five homers.

Injury report

Third baseman Brian Buckley missed a double while playing "pepper" prior to the Lynn Post 6 game.

A trip to the doctor the following day revealed a sprain and Buckley's foot has been in a cast all week.

He returned to the lineup in the previous game on a basis.

Andover 11 Lynn Post 6 4

Kyle Ahern (5-0) pitched a strong first two innings of two-hit ball, and Andover's offense was striking out 10 in the game, but for the lights at the Breed Junior High School.

"Kyle was terrific," said manager Joe Jarrold. "He has been the best pitcher we've had in a long time."

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Jason White mopped up with two strong innings of two-hit relief, fanning three and yielding no runs. "It was an opportunity to give Jason some work and he did a nice job," said Iarrobino.

The teams traded first-inning runs. Andover scoring when leadoff batter Paul Chiozzi walked. Matt Hennessy bunted him to second, and Andy Salini's hot shot to short was booted for an error as Chiozzi scored.

In the Post 8 third Hennessy doubled. Salini and White walked to load the bases, and Chris Vining drilled a two-out, two-run single. White later scored on a passed ball for a 4-1 lead.

In the five-run fourth Chiozzi

singled, advanced to third on a throwing error by the catcher, and crossed on Hennessy's single. Chris Hanlon walked and Salini launched his fifth homer of the season over the fence in right-center, the three-run blast making it 8-1.

Before the inning ended Will Walter singled, Paul Skinner was hit by a pitch and Matt Iorio stroked an RBI single to center.

In the fifth, Hennessy smacked his second double of the game and scored on Hanlon's single to left-center.

The final Andover run came in the seventh. Salini drew a one-out walk, moved to third on a passed ball and throwing error by the catcher, and tagged on White's long sac fly to right-center.

Hennessy sparked the 11-hit attack with three safeties, and he

also scored three runs, while Salini had two hits, scored three runs and Iorio laced a pair of safeties.

Defensively, Salini made a diving catch in center field with two Lynn runners on base.

"Skinner has been outstanding behind the plate all season," said Iarrobino. "And 15-year-old Iorio is also doing a terrific job at second base."

Andover 11 Peabody 1

The first attempt to play this game ended in a rainout with the score tied 2-2 in the fourth inning.

The replay at Aumais Field saw Post 8 erupt for six runs in the bottom of the first and never look back.

Three pitchers combined for a nine-hitter, nine strikeouts and no walks, with starter and winner Jon Shaw (3-1) working the first five frames and fanning six.

Jason White pitched the next two

innings, yielding an unearned run, and Will Walter finished it with a shutout seventh.

The six-run first started with a one-out single by Matt Hennessy and walks to Chris Hanlon and Andy Salini. Brian Buckley lashed a two-run single to left, Walter belted an RBI double and Chris Vining's infield out rescued Buckley.

Paul Skinner and Matt Iorio drew back-to-back walks to re-load the bases for Paul Chiozzi, who slapped a two-run single.

Buckley singled home Salini, who laced a one-out single and advanced on a balk, to make it 7-0 after two innings.

In the fourth, Hanlon walked and Salini bounced a one-out ground-rule double over the fence in left-center. Ryan Shepard singled both home for a 9-1 cushion.

The last two runs crossed in the fifth as Anthony Perry doubled, Iorio singled him home, Chiozzi walked and Salini slapped an RBI single.

Salini sparked the 11-hit charge with a perfect 3-for-3 night and he also scored three runs. Buckley was 2-for-2 and Hanlon scored twice.

Defensive standouts were Hanlon at short and catcher Skinner, who threw out two would-be basestealers.

EARLIER GAMES Andover 6 Middleton 0

Kyle Ahern tamed a Middleton team that includes several of the best high school players on the north shore.

"Good breaking ball, good changeup and good control have been the secret to Kyle's success this summer," said Iarrobino. "He had 'em all again today."

Ahern faced 25 batters which is four over the minimum. Deuces were wild as he walked two, hit two batters and yielded two hits, but two of those six baserunners were erased by a double play and pickoff.

"They only had one inning where two runners got aboard — and they had just one player get as far as second base," said Iarrobino. The only Middleton safeties

were singles by Nick Hanges in the second and Greg Damigella in the sixth.

Middleton, 9-4 after the loss, could have knocked Andover down a peg and tied Post 8 for second place in the Zone with a win.

The locals took a 2-0 lead in the second when Andy Salini, fed a steady diet of outside pitches, went the opposite way with a double to left-center.

Brian Buckley reached on an error, moved up on Will Walter's infield out, and both runners scored on Chris Vining's single to center.

In the third Paul Chiozzi singled to left, Matt Hennessy beat out a bunt and both runners advanced on a wild pitch.

Salini collected his 22nd and 23rd RBI with a single to center. He moved to third on Buckley's single up the middle, and Walter's infield grounder plated Salini to make it 5-0.

The final run came in the sixth on a one-out double to right by Walter, a wild pitch and Vining's RBI infield out.

Middleton, which handed Swampscott one of its two losses, went quietly 1-2-3 in the top of the seventh.

Salini led the seven-hit attack with two safeties, and second baseman Matt Iorio stabbed a line drive up the middle and turned it into a double play.

Swampscott 10 Andover 1

The 103-degree heat and humid-

ity may have drained all the life out of the Post 8 players — although it didn't seem to bother Swampscott at all in this lopsided game at Phillips Park in Swampscott.

"The wheels fell off the wagon for this one game," said Iarrobino. "They got three unearned runs in the first and it was downhill from there."

The Mariners added four runs in the third, two in the fourth and one in the fifth.

Post 8 managed only five hits, all singles, as Brian Buckley laced two, Chris Hanlon one, Pat Bateson one and Matt Iorio one.

The locals averted a shutout with an unearned run in the seventh. Buckley reached on an infield error, took second on Ryan Shepard's infield out and scored when Bateson's drilled a single to left-center.

Jon Shaw, the first of three Andover pitchers (Jason White, Chris Vining), suffered his first defeat although for once the defensive support was not there.

The loss snapped an eight-game Andover win streak, while Andy Salini went 0-for-1 (two walks) and had his nine-game hit streak broken.

Andover 1 Lynn 0

The umpires awarded the forfeit to Andover when Post 345 showed up at Aumais Field 45 minutes late and without the necessary nine players.

Some of the Post 8 players had also left the field by the time Lynn finally showed.

Oppenheim wins Amateur Championship

Rob Oppenheim of Andover added a huge victory to his local amateur golfing legacy when he won the 94th Massachusetts State Amateur Championship recently at Winchester Country Club.

Oppenheim, the NCAA Division 2 Player-of-the-Year after leading Rollins College to the national title last month, battled his way through the arduous five-day Mass. Am. to emerge victorious.

Oppenheim shot a two-under 70-70-140 during the opening 36-hole medal play portion of the tourney, finishing as the fifth seed in a field of 32 top qualifiers.

He then won five consecutive elimination matches to capture the title for the first time.

Oppenheim is also believed to be the first Mass. Am. winner from the local area in four decades.

The Indian Ridge CC standout, whose family home is a chip shot from the eighth fairway on that course, won his first two matches and advanced to the quarterfinals where he defeated Ferdi Taygan of

Willowbend, 2-up.

He then routed Hans Sherman of The Country Club, 7-and-5, in their 18-hole semifinal match.

The soft-spoken, modest champ registered three birdies and a bogie versus Sherman, with the final two birds coming back-to-back on the 12th and 13th holes to close out the match.

Oppenheim, a former golf captain and standout baseball player at Andover High, won four of the first seven holes in the semifinal and made the turn in one-under 34 for a commanding 5-up lead.

"I got out to an early lead, and then just concentrated on hitting fairways and greens," said two-time Merrimack Valley Conference Golfer-of-the-Year Oppenheim, who reached the US Amateur quarterfinals at Pebble Beach in California three summers ago.

Against Taygan in the quarterfinals, Oppenheim shot 40 on the front side and led 2-up.

Taygan closed the gap to 1-down with consecutive birdies on the 14th

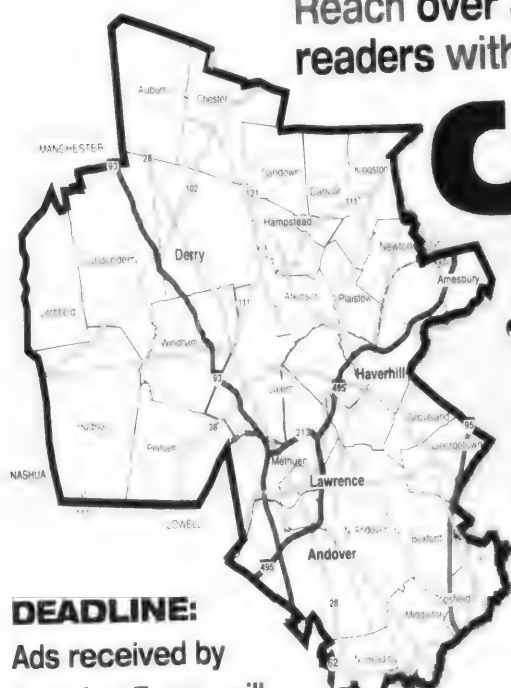
and 15th, but after both players parred the 16th Taygan bogeyed the 17th and Oppenheim closed out the win with a par 4.

In the 36-hole championship final against re-instated amateur (former pro) Brian Higgins of Franklin CC, 22-year-old Oppenheim nailed a downhill 40-foot putt on the final hole to bring the match to a dramatic conclusion.

This was Oppenheim's fourth Mass. Am. and the first time he has advanced beyond the quarterfinals.

He is also a two-time winner of the Rogers Memorial Tournament, sponsored by the *Eagle-Tribune*, and two years ago he lost the 75th Lowell City Tournament to fellow collegian Marc Chandonnet (Grand Canyon College in Arizona) of Dracut on the second hole of a sudden-death playoff.

Last month Oppenheim, whose considerable talents are augmented by a Tiger-like mental toughness, drained an 18-foot putt on the final hole for a birdie that secured the national championship for Rollins



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The Trial Court
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Department
ESSEX Division
Docket No.

02P1332EP1

In the ESTATE OF
IRWIN M.
ALICKMAN
Late of ANDOVER
In the County of
ESSEX
Date of Death
October 28, 2001

NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR
PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons in-
terested in the above
captioned estate, a
petition has been
presented praying
that the last will of
said decedent be
proved and allowed,
and that LINDA AL-
ICKMAN of AN-
DOVER in the County
of ESSEX be ap-
pointed executrix,
named in the will to
serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE
TO OBJECT
THEREO, YOU OR
YOUR ATTORNEY
MUST FILE A WRIT-
TEN APPEARANCE
IN SAID COURT AT
SALEM, ON OR BE-
FORE TEN O'CLOCK
IN THE FORENOON (10:00
AM) ON **JUNE 25,
2002.**

In addition you
must file a written af-
fidavit of objections
to the petition, stat-
ing the specific facts
and grounds upon
which the objection
is based, within thirty
(30) days after the
return day (or such
other time as the
court, on motion with
notice to the petiti-
tioner, may allow) in ac-
cordance with Pro-
bate Rule 16.

OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will
be held at THE
HALL, SECOND
FLOOR in MEMORI-
AL HALL LIBRARY,
ELM SQUARE,
ANDOVER on
THURSDAY, August
1, 2002 at 7:00 P.M.
on the petition of
Susan K. Davis, P.O.
Box 163, Andover,
MA for variances
from the require-
ments of the Andover
Zoning By-Law,
Article VIII, § 4.1.2
& 4.2.2 to remove
and reconstruct
entry porch, to construct
a basement porch &
to construct shed none
of which will meet
dimensional require-
ments.

Premises affected
are located at 83
River St., Andover,
MA in a Single
Residence B District
and are shown on
Assessor Map 140 as
Lot 38.

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CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
July 18 & 25, 2002

Commonwealth Of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate
And Family Court
Department
ESSEX Division
Docket No.

02P1600EP1

In the ESTATE OF
NANCY REDMAN
AKA NANCY R.
REDMAN
Late of ANDOVER
In the County of
ESSEX
Date of Death
April 13, 2002

NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR
PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons in-
terested in the above
captioned estate, a
petition has been
presented praying
that the last will of
said decedent be
proved and allowed,
and that GEORGE F.
REDMAN of AN-
DOVER in the County
of ESSEX be ap-
pointed executor,
named in the will to
serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE
TO OBJECT
THEREO, YOU OR
YOUR ATTORNEY
MUST FILE A WRIT-
TEN APPEARANCE
IN SAID COURT AT
SALEM, ON OR BE-
FORE TEN O'CLOCK
IN THE FORENOON (10:00
AM) ON **AUGUST
12, 2002.**

In addition you
must file a written af-
fidavit of objections
to the petition, stat-
ing the specific facts
and grounds upon
which the objection
is based, within thirty
(30) days after the
return day (or such
other time as the
court, on motion with
notice to the petiti-
tioner, may allow) in ac-
cordance with Pro-
bate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON.
JOHN C. STEVENS,
III ESQUIRE, First
Justice of said Court
at SALEM this day,
July 11, 2002.

Pamela Casey
O'Brien Register of
Probate Court
July 18, 2002

OFFICE OF THE
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A public hearing will
be held at THE
HALL, SECOND
FLOOR in MEMORI-
AL HALL LIBRARY,
ELM SQUARE,
ANDOVER on
THURSDAY, August
1, 2002 at 7:00 P.M.
on the petition of
James & Sharon
Dolan, 66 Eustis
Ave., Lowell, MA
01850 for a special
permit from the
requirements of the
Andover Zoning By-
Law, Article VIII, §
3.1.3.A.4.a to allow
the conversion of an
existing rooming
house with one apart-
ment into a three-unit
residence and an
existing 3-bay garage
with a shop into a 4-
bay garage with an
existing apartment
above.

Premises affected
are located at 437

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BOARD OF APPEALS
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A public hearing will
be held at THE
HALL, SECOND
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AL HALL LIBRARY,
ELM SQUARE,
ANDOVER on
THURSDAY, August
1, 2002 at 7:00 P.M.
on the petition of
Susan K. Davis, P.O.
Box 163, Andover,
MA for variances
from the require-
ments of the Andover
Zoning By-Law,
Article VIII, § 4.1.2
& 4.2.2 to remove
and reconstruct
entry porch, to construct
a basement porch &
to construct shed none
of which will meet
dimensional require-
ments.

Premises affected
are located at 83
River St., Andover,
MA in a Single
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North Main St.,
Andover, MA in a
Single Residence A
District and are
shown on Assessor
Map 34 as Lot 5.
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Commonwealth Of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate
And Family Court
Department
ESSEX Division
Docket No.

02P1550EP1

In the ESTATE OF
JAMES WHYTE AKA
JAMES WHYTE, JR.
Late of ANDOVER
In the County of
ESSEX
Date of Death
April 22, 2002

NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR
PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons in-
terested in the above
captioned estate, a
petition has been
presented praying
that the last will of
said decedent be
proved and allowed,
and that SHIRLEY A.
WHYTE of AN-
DOVER in the County
of ESSEX be ap-
pointed executrix,
named in the will to
serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE
TO OBJECT
THEREO, YOU OR
YOUR ATTORNEY
MUST FILE A WRIT-
TEN APPEARANCE
IN SAID COURT AT
SALEM, ON OR BE-
FORE TEN O'CLOCK
IN THE FORENOON (10:00
AM) ON **AUGUST 5,
2002.**

In addition you
must file a written af-
fidavit of objections
to the petition, stat-
ing the specific facts
and grounds upon
which the objection
is based, within thirty
(30) days after the
return day (or such
other time as the
court, on motion with
notice to the petiti-
tioner, may allow) in ac-
cordance with Pro-
bate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON.
JOHN C. STEVENS,
III ESQUIRE, First
Justice of said Court
at SALEM this day,
July 1, 2002.

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O'Brien Register of
Probate Court
July 18, 2002

OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will
be held at THE
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OFFICE OF THE
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of which will meet
dimensional require-
ments.

Premises affected
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Commonwealth Of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate
And Family Court
Department
ESSEX Division
Docket No.

02P1550EP1

In the ESTATE OF
JAMES WHYTE AKA
JAMES WHYTE, JR.
Late of ANDOVER
In the County of
ESSEX
Date of Death
April 22, 2002

NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR
PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons in-
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petition has been
presented praying
that the last will of
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and that SHIRLEY A.
WHYTE of AN-
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of ESSEX be ap-
pointed executrix,
named in the will to
serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE
TO OBJECT
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YOUR ATTORNEY
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TEN APPEARANCE
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FORE TEN O'CLOCK
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court, on motion with
notice to the petiti-
tioner, may allow) in ac-
cordance with Pro-
bate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON.
JOHN C. STEVENS,
III ESQUIRE, First
Justice of said Court
at SALEM this day,
July 1, 2002.

Pamela Casey
O'Brien Register of
Probate Court
July 18, 2002

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A public hearing will
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Rd., Andover, MA for
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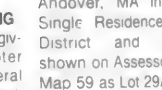
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July 18, 2002

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Bancroft School, 15
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Andover, MA for a
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requirements of the
Andover Zoning By-
Law, Article VIII, §
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Andover, MA in a
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TOWN OF
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PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given
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ANDOVER on
THURSDAY, August
1, 2002 at 7:00 P.M.
on the petition of
Susan K. Davis, P.O.
Box 163, Andover,
MA for variances
from the require-
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Zoning By-Law,
Article VIII, § 4.1.2
& 4.2.2 to remove
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ments.

Premises affected
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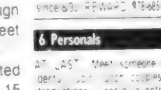
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on the petition of
John S. Donohue, 26
Haverhill St.,
Andover, MA for a
special permit from
the requirements of
the Andover Zoning
By-Law, Article VIII, §
7.6.2 & 3.1.3.A.4.a to
convert a single-fam-
ily dwelling to a two-
family dwelling that
will not meet zoning
requirements.

Premises affected
are located at 26
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Andover, MA in an
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and are shown on
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Lot 10.
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ELM SQUARE,
ANDOVER on
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1, 2002 at 7:00 P.M.
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Bancroft School, 15
Bancroft Rd.,
Andover, MA for a
variance from the
requirements of the
Andover Zoning By-
Law, Article VIII, §
5.2.7 to install a 72" x
48", single-sided,
non-illuminated sign
that will not meet
zoning regulations.

Premises affected
are located at 15
Bancroft Rd.,
Andover, MA in a
Single Residence B
District and are
shown on Assessor's
Map 59 as Lot 29A
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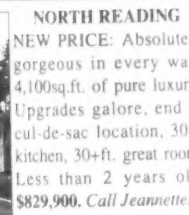
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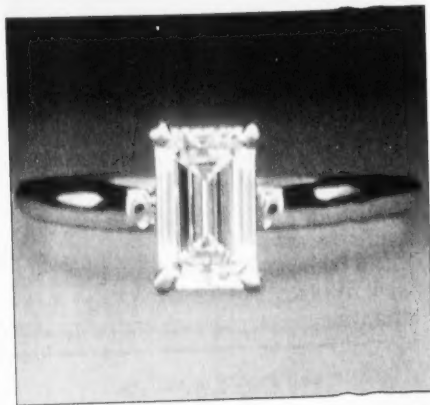
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